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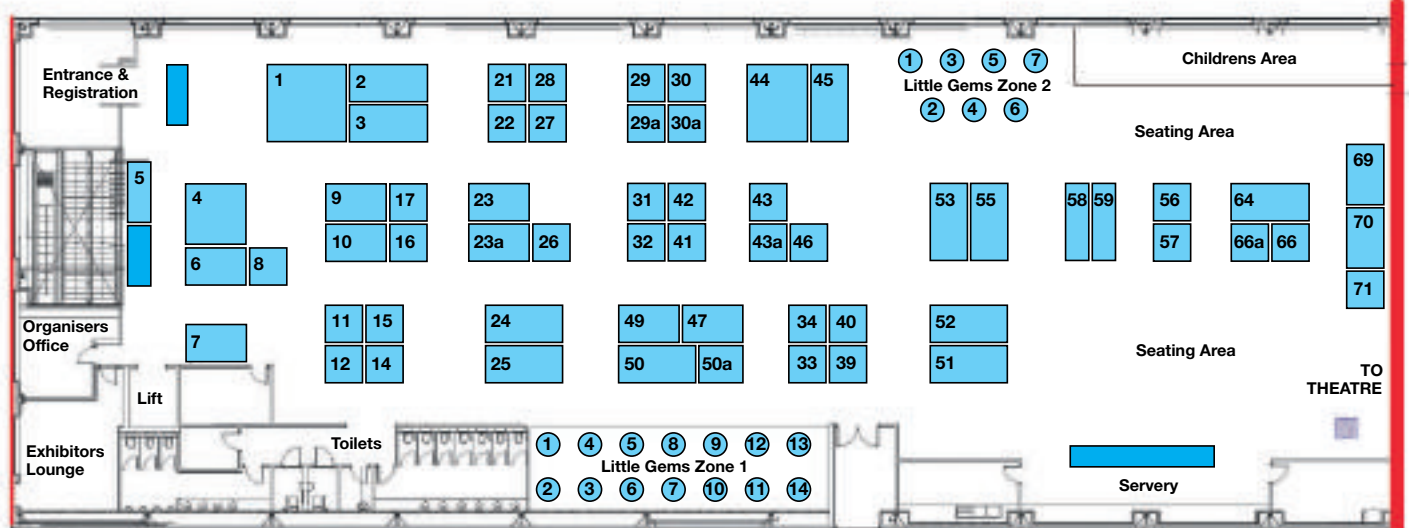
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OUR ROADS TOP OF THE DANGER LIST

'If these deaths had been caused by gas explosions or collapsed buildings, there would be a massive outcry'

MAIDSTONE is the place you are most likely to have a car crash in the county, according to a new survey.

Road safety in the borough is one of the biggest concerns for councillors after the worrying statistics were revealed in the report carried out for Kent County Council.

It revealed there were 435 incidents on our roads in last year, 14 more than 2006. Nine people died and 64 of the accidents were classified as "serious".

It makes Maidstone's roads the most dangerous in the county and the

■ BY LAUREN MUMFORD

report has prompted a complete review of safety on our roads.

The figures were made worse by comparison with our neighbouring borough, Tonbridge and Malling, which had 119 fewer crashes.

Councillor Tony Harwood called it a scandal.

He said: "I am appalled by the worsening trend in fatal accidents, with numbers increasing threefold in the Borough since 2005."

"If these deaths had been caused by gas explosions or collapsed buildings,

there would be a massive outcry and everything would be done to make sure it didn't happen again.

"But because these tragedies happened on our roads, they are accepted and not recognised as the shocking scandal they are. That is totally wrong."

The meeting also heard from Clare Burtwell, whose friend Perri McIlwraith, 17, was killed in a horrific road accident on the A26 between Barming and Teston in May last year.

She asked council officials to think about ways they could make that stretch of road safer and to ask if they would write to relevant cabinet members at KCC in the hope that

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OLYMPIC GAMES A VOLLEY GOOD SHOW

MAIDSTONE looks set to be home to the Olympic beach volleyball event in 2012, it was announced this week.

The USA's Olympic champion Misty May, pictured, may no longer be the world number one in four years time, but the sport has proved a massive draw since it became an official event in 2004.

As part of the 2012 Olympics, Maidstone Leisure Centre looks set to be the beach volleyball host while Sutton Valence School is being considered for five events, including archery and fencing.

They are among 36 places in Kent in the running for Olympic events.
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Blackout for businesses is green dream

■ BY LAUREN MUMFORD

A NEW scheme which will ensure shops and offices are in darkness overnight is being considered in a bid to go green.

Officials from Maidstone council and Town Centre Management are discussing ways businesses which aren't used through the night can cut back on the amount of electricity they use to help combat climate change.

Initial talks with organisations and businesses are already underway and the next meeting is planned for the end of March.

Environmental councillor Tony Harwood said: "We can not go on wasting electricity. I am very keen to tackle this issue as quickly as I can and providing there are no problems, I can't see why it couldn't be put in place overnight."

Encourage

Town Centre Management has joined a new Government scheme called Business Climate Change Champion and has started making changes in its own office, like turning off computers at the end of the day and using lighting when necessary.

"We feel if every one of us did a bit to help save energy then little bits of the jigsaw will begin to make up the big picture of the puzzle," centre manager Bill Moss said.

TCM exclusively revealed to Yourmaidstone last month its plan to make the county town plastic bag free by April next year. This new lighting scheme is seen by council officials as the next logical step to make Maidstone a greener town.

Only last week Marks & Spencer announced it will charge customers 5p for plastic bags to encourage them to reduce the number of carriers they use and to raise money for environmental charity, Groundwork.

The charity will use the money to



BLACK OUT: The new initiative hopes to see businesses turn off all their lights at night

create or improve 'greener living spaces' such as parks, play areas and gardens in local areas.

"Tackling energy use should be part two in making Maidstone a more sustainable town and the fact we are a county town will be an incentive for other authorities to follow our lead," Cllr Harwood said.

This initiative follows a visit from shadow leader of the House of Commons Simon Hughes, who praised the council for its environmental initiatives.

Invicta FM and Meridian television have also teamed up to raise awareness on climate change and have set up Earth Hour, an event where businesses across the county will switch off their lights at 8pm on March 29 for an hour.

Retailers already signed up include Strawberry Moons in Maidstone and Canterbury Castle - organisers have also received enquiries from Leeds Castle and Shepherd Neame.

The meeting between Town Centre Management and the council is being held later this month to discuss the future of the proposed scheme.

• **Yourmaidstone is backing the campaign Earth Hour on March 29 between 8pm and 9pm when everyone is asked to switch off their lights to save energy and send a highlight the dangers of global warming. Full details next week.**

yourmaidstone NEWS IN BRIEF

Leeds Castle host for Kent bravery awards

UNSUNG heroes were praised at a lavish awards ceremony for their outstanding acts of bravery and achievement.

Police staff and members of the public were recognised for their heroic efforts at the annual Kent police Area Commanders Awards which was held at Leeds Castle last night.

For full story and pictures go to our website Yourmaidstone.co.uk.

New bosses in charge at 'superbug' Trust

THREE new non-executive directors have been appointed to the board of Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust.

Sylvia Denton, Anthony Jones and Philip Wynn Owen will join the board from tomorrow to help take the trust forward.

They will replace non-executive directors who resigned in the wake of the superbug scandal.

For full story see our website Yourmaidstone.co.uk.

Fremfins Walk taken over by petting farm

SHOPPERS will be joined by some 'eggstra' special guests this Easter at Fremfins Walk.

The shopping centre will be welcoming some rabbits, sheep, goats, geese, ducks and guinea pigs to the centre between Friday and Sunday, March 14-16 in its own petting farm.

Children joining in with the excitement will receive a special free large foil-wrapped Easter egg. For more information visit www.fremfinswalk.co.uk.

Officers target goals instead of criminals

POLICE officers will be tackling more than just crime this weekend in a bid to raise money for people suffering with terminal illnesses.

A team of officers will be taking on Maidstone Housing Trust in a charity football match this Saturday to raise money for Heart of Kent Hospice.

The event is due to kick-off at Kent Police Headquarters on Sutton Road at 10:30am. For more information or to buy raffle tickets call 01622 604391.

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School makes the grade for athletes

Olympic teams recommended to use facilities

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

THE prospect of world class athletes training in Maidstone in the run-up to the 2012 Olympics drew a step closer this week when three of the area's sporting venues were identified as potential training camps.

The London Organising Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) unveiled a list of 600 possible sites in the UK which could be used by athletes before London 2012. In total 36 facilities in Kent were chosen.

Sutton Valence School will be considered for five events – including archery and fencing. Maidstone Leisure Centre is in the running to host beach volleyball, while Pegasus Gymnastics Centre completes the list.

They will be included in a guide distributed to all other Olympic associations at this summer's Beijing Olympics. From this the national teams will decide which facilities they want to train in to prepare for the London Games.



WELL PREPARED: Seb Coe says the launch of the potential training camp lists is a great step towards the Olympics

The announcement marks the culmination of more than a year's work by the venues and Kent County Council to bring them up to international standard.

KCC cabinet member for community services Mike Hill said: "I am really delighted that Kent has been recognised so highly as a county able to host athletes of Olympic and Paralympic standard and congratulations to all those who were chosen."

"We are reaching a very exciting stage in welcoming teams from a range of sports, visiting and training in Kent ahead of the Games."

"This opportunity will promote Kent on a global scale and bring a real boost to tourism and the local economy, and will result in sporting, educational and cultural exchanges."

At the launch in Buckinghamshire, Sebastian Coe, chairman of LOCOG, said: "The facilities listed will help overseas athletes prepare well. It also provides a great opportunity for towns across the UK to get involved in our plans."

The other sites in the county chosen as potential training camps include Ashford's Julie Rose Stadium, Canterbury Christ Church and Kent universities, Brands Hatch and Gillingham FC.

Fog crash pilot denies drugs smuggling

THE pilot who crashed into the garden of a home while taking a convicted drug smuggler on day release for a pleasure flight was this week arrested on suspicion of growing cannabis.

Sid Clark, 47, was questioned about cultivating the class C drug at his house in Barming, but released on bail for further investigation.

Police raided his four-bedroom home just days after he crash-landed his Cessna plane into conifer trees in an elderly couple's back garden in Lyminge.

The pilot had taken friend Tim Des Vignes, who was released from prison for a day nearing the end of a sentence for cocaine smuggling, for a flight when the plane narrowly missed the home in fog.

Mr Clark's arrest came hours after he confessed to Yourmaidstone last week that he was a former heroin addict who had enjoyed the high life in a variety of Asian countries. The pilot denied that he had been taking Des Vignes, 53, on a drugs pick-up.

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Ken Tishman reports on Maidstone River Festival's cancellation

HSE campaign for sensible risk

COUNCILLORS have made a regional commitment to battle against the urban legends and fears that swamp health and safety.

Kent County Council has teamed up with 13 other local authorities – including Maidstone – to ensure myths like games of conkers and hanging baskets being dangerous are a thing of the past, thanks to their 'sign up to sensible risk' campaign.

Health and Safety Executive regional director, Phil Scott, said: "We've heard the stories about health and safety banning hanging baskets etc. This is not what HSE wants, not what Kent wants and not what the law requires."

Roads county's safest in 2007

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something positive can come out of the tragedy.

The survey showed that roads in Gravesham were the county's safest with a total of 207 accidents in 2007 – the borough was closely followed by Sevenoaks with 226 accidents.

As a result of the meeting, council officials are in the process of setting up another one to discuss ways these statistics can be dramatically reduced.

PC returns from tough mountain challenge

BY LAUREN MUMFORD

A POLICE officer swapped pounding the beat for scaling the highest mountain in Africa.

PC Gary Shaw, who is part of Maidstone's rural neighbourhood team, took part in the Kent Police expedition to Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania.

He was said he was glad to have his feet firmly back on level ground after returning home this week.

Twenty-nine people made the trip to Africa to scale the 5,895m volcanic mountain – but he was one of only 17 to reach the summit.

Mr Shaw said: "It's a life changing experience, but one with memories I will carry for the rest of my life."

"Although you have to deal with extreme conditions and the challenges presented by the high altitude, which all take their toll, it shows just what you can achieve when you put your mind to it."

"I most enjoyed meeting the friendly people of Tanzania who, despite their poverty, were still happy to shout out jambo, which means hello, while battling on a daily basis with the hostile mountain environment."

The expedition was organized by

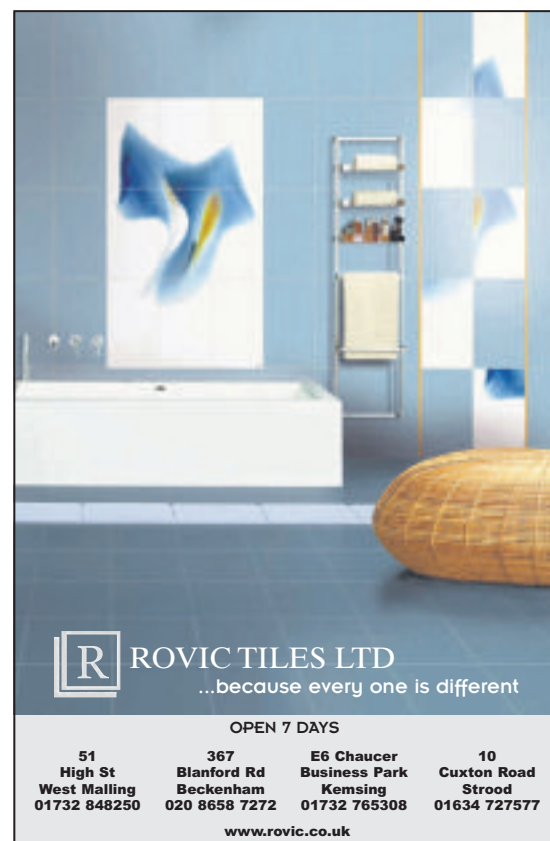


TOP: PC Gary Shaw on Mount Kilimanjaro

Richard McLaughlin from Adventure Café, who said the Kent Police team showed an excellent sense of humour at testing times on the mountain.

"At times our team encountered difficult weather conditions – which made an already hard task even more challenging. Their success rate also shows the team was made of stern stuff."

"Adventure Café was delighted to have been involved."



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NEWS IN BRIEF**Budding young writers
have chance to win prize**

CHILDREN have been invited to let their imagination run wild in a creative writing competition.

Waterstones in Fremlin Walk is holding the competition for primary and secondary school children up to the age of 13. Entrants are split into categories and each have a different story title they must write to.

Winners will receive a £20 gift card for first place, £15 for second place and £10 for third. Entrants need to submit their stories by April 10. See in store for details.

**Soldiers' charity benefits
from fitness challenge**

BUSINESSES and residents who took part in a fitness challenge raised £5,780.63 to help soldiers who have served in Afghanistan.

The 36 Challenge was held at The Mall Chequers in October to raise funds for The 36 Engineers Welfare Fund.

It was set up following the last year's devastating news on September 17 that Corporal Ivano 'Sean' Violino, who was based with the 36 Royal Engineers at Invicta Barracks in Maidstone, had been killed in action in Afghanistan.

**Thieves targeting homes
with spate of lead thefts**

POLICE have warned people to be vigilant following a spate of lead thefts from the roofs of homes.

In the most recent case a home in Kennington Close had lead ripped out of brickwork on the porch between February 22-25.

Earlier in the month a home in Graveney Road had lead removed from its roof in similar circumstances.

Anyone with information is urged to contact the police on 01622 690055.

**Biker Barry's Land's End
fundraiser comes to end**

A MAN was last night due to complete an impressive 400-mile quad bike ride in a bid to raise money for a charity close to his heart.

Barry Barrett, from Minster, on the Isle of Sheppey, set out on Monday morning on a two-day fundraiser from the county town to Land's End in an attempt to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

He has a friend suffering with leukaemia.

To sponsor Barry, call Laura Thornton on 01622 600050.

Shock parking fine sparks accusations

Firm's change of policy was news to driver

■ BY LAUREN MUMFORD

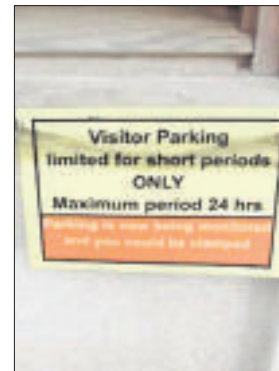
A FURIOUS motorist is refusing to pay an £85 parking fine after claiming a company changed its regulations without informing residents of a block of flats.

Carol Noel was issued with the ticket for leaving her car in a visitor's bay at Kingfisher Meadows in Maidstone – which she believed was a 24-hour parking zone. She regularly visits her boyfriend Phil at the newly-built apartments behind the Lockmeadow complex.

Miss Noel said when she parked as usual outside his flat in a visitor's parking bay there was a sign on the wall saying: "Visitor parking limited for short periods only. Maximum period 24 hours."

Her boyfriend claims none of the residents of the block of flats had been informed they needed parking permits for their visitors.

Miss Noel is outraged at the £85 fine from



GREEN: Simon Hughes, left, is shown the site threatened by a planning appeal for a marina development

private parking firm Kent Parking Services, which she has been told she must pay within seven days or face being taken to a small claims court.

She said: "I fully expect the fine to be withdrawn as I was legally parked within the visitors parking area, which is a 24-hour parking zone. I had only been there just over an hour when the ticket was issued."

Regulations

"If I had known about the amount of trouble parking in the car park would cause I would have just used the facilities next door."

A spokesman for Kent Parking Services said: "Because all the accommodation is rented all the permits were issued to landlords, so

it is down to them to give them out – there are also signs up in the car park."

"There's not a lot we can do about it, it was down to her to ensure she displayed a permit." He said the regulations changed last month and Kent Parking Services sent letters to all residents in December and again in January, and put up signs prior to the change.

"We know no one likes to get a ticket, but at the end of the day if we were not regulating the car park it would be full of people using it instead of Lockmeadow and the residents would have nowhere to park," the spokesman added.

Miss Noel has appealed against her ticket, which is currently being looked at by KPS.

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Hop Farm's a great attraction

YEARS ago hop picking in Kent was a hands-on labour intensive activity compared to the mechanical harvesting that goes on today.

The Hop Farm, near Paddock Wood, boasts the largest collection of oast houses in the world on its 500-acre site and is one of Kent's most popular tourist attractions.

The parks new general manager Martin Westwood said: "What we are hoping to do is

create an attraction which is mainly for families with children under ten, with lots of things for them to enjoy and a lot of variety – this development will go on for several years."

Significance

"Our audience target for this year is 150,000, which we would like to grow as the years go by, we can then invest in more things as it gets more successful."

The hop farm boasts a huge events business which has been developed over the last ten years and holds attractions such as War and Peace which is of great international significance and has been going for 25 years.

Business editor Tony Patey went to the hop farm to talk to general manager Mr Westwood to find out for himself how the business continues to grow.



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CELEBRATING: The young scouts are thrilled to have been offered a new home for their group

Scouts call for help to fix up base

A SCOUT group has been given a new lease of life after securing use of a farm outbuilding as a base.

Boughton Monchelsea Scout Group had been facing an uncertain future after being told it could no longer use its current headquarters in Church Street.

A planning application for a change of use for the new building is due to go before the council in May for approval.

But Boughton Monchelsea Scout Group now urgently needs to raise £35,000 for vital building work to be completed before it moves into its new base.

The scouts have appealed to tradesman and residents willing to lend a hand to get their newly claimed headquarters into a habitable state.

Work needs to be done to make it structurally sound, create toilets and washing facilities, and look attractive in time for the scheduled move in September.

The group's fundraising committee member Alison Hodges said: "It's so important we raise this money, if we don't then we will have 59 children belonging to a group with nowhere to go."

"The scout group plays a big part in this

■ BY LAUREN MUMFORD

community, it brings it together and that's what we want to keep."

Several residents have already volunteered their services but more are needed, as well as any donations of building materials, fixtures and fittings.

Boys in the group will also hold fundraising events to raise money for the development.

The new hut will be the home of 15 beavers, 20 cubs and 24 scouts, and will be named in memory of Ray Slingsby, the scout group's well-loved and respected former leader who was tragically killed in an accident last year.

Local artist Graham Clarke has also jumped on board and volunteered to make a wood cut logo for the new scout hut.

The scouts are also looking for anyone interested in volunteering to become a leader, which would allow more children from the waiting list to join them.

The group has been given an estimate of eight to ten weeks before the application for a change of use from farm outbuilding to scout headquarters goes before Maidstone council's planning committee.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Concerned caller helps PCSO to make arrest

A MAN was arrested on suspicion of drink driving after a concerned resident tipped off her local police community support officer.

PCSO Neil Lettington received a phone call from a lady living in Tovil, giving a description of the suspect.

Following up the information Mr Lettington spotted a car parked opposite The Papermakers Arms on Friday, February 22, at 7pm.

When the car was driven away it was stopped by police.

A 61-year-old man was arrested and taken to Maidstone police station for questioning.

Mr Lettington said: "I would like to thank the lady who gave me the information which led to this arrest."

"I am pleased to have been able to help the police officers in this case and would urge any other residents who would like to discuss any issues they feel I may be able to help with to contact me."

The man was released on bail until Saturday, April 19, for further investigation.

Mr Lettington can be contacted on 01622 604391.

Emergency services are now available by text

A NEW lifesaving service has been launched in Maidstone to allow deaf people to contact the emergency services easily.

People with hearing and speech problems can now text Kent's police, fire and ambulance services on their mobile phones, alerting them without having to face problems that could be linked to conventional methods.

Those using the SMS system will have to start their text with the word 'police', 'medic' or 'rescue' depending on which service they need, followed by the rest of their message.

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Kelly's fruit to be used to produce apple juice

MODEL and actress Kelly Brook is looking to use her orchard to produce her own apple juice.

The Strictly Come Dancing star lives in a country house in Grafty Green, near Maidstone, with Hollywood star Billy Zane.

She has sought advice from a specialist in growing organic crops in order to make use of her orchard in the grounds of her estate.

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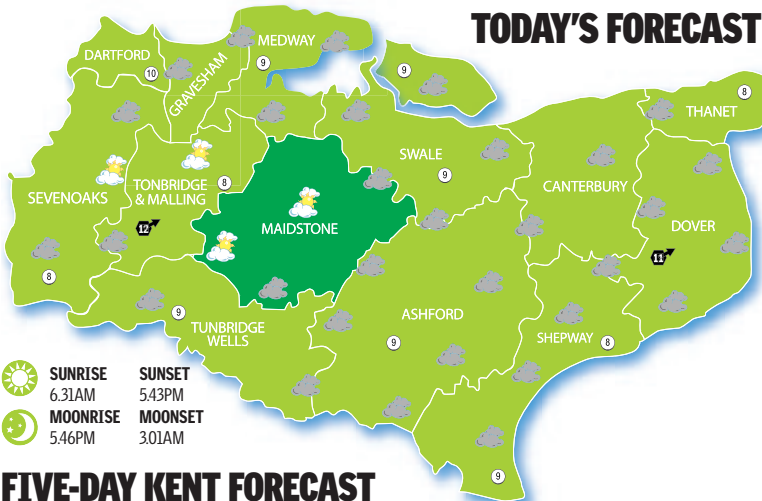
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WEEKEND HIGH TIDES

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	Sunday	1:57pm	6.3m
Dover	Saturday	11:21am	6.6m
	Sunday	12:00pm	6.7m
Dungeness	Saturday	11:30am	7.8m
	Sunday	12:05pm	8.0m
Ramsgate	Saturday	11:51am	5.1m
	Sunday	12:30pm	5.2m
Sheerness	Saturday	1:10pm	5.8m
	Sunday	1:47pm	5.9m
Whitstable	Saturday	1:18pm	5.3m
	Sunday	1:53pm	5.3m



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Cardiff	6°C	Tokyo	11°C
Gibraltar	18°C	Vancouver	8°C
Hong Kong	25°C	Warsaw	7°C
Las Palmas	20°C	Wellington	15°C

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Canterbury	7°C	8°C	11°C	10°C	11°C	Maidstone	7°C	9°C	12°C	11°C	12°C
Chatham	7°C	9°C	12°C	11°C	11°C	Ramsgate	7°C	8°C	11°C	10°C	11°C
Dartford	8°C	10°C	12°C	11°C	12°C	Rochester	7°C	9°C	12°C	11°C	11°C
Dover	7°C	7°C	10°C	9°C	9°C	Sevenoaks	6°C	8°C	11°C	9°C	10°C
Faversham	7°C	9°C	12°C	11°C	11°C	Sittingbourne	7°C	9°C	12°C	11°C	11°C
Folkestone	7°C	7°C	10°C	9°C	9°C	Tonbridge	7°C	9°C	12°C	10°C	11°C
Gillingham	7°C	9°C	12°C	11°C	11°C	Tun Wells	7°C	9°C	12°C	10°C	11°C

Nominate a tree and one will be planted

COUNCIL chiefs have launched a competition to promote trees, and how they look after our health and the appearance of our towns, villages and countryside.

Residents should send in a photograph of their favourite tree with a short description of why it is special to them – for every entry received a tree will be planted in the borough.

The council is also keen to find trees that are old, big, unusual, interesting, historically significant or associated with someone famous.

Schools will also have the chance to get involved and artists are encouraged to send in their drawings or paintings to form part of a special exhibition at the Hazlitt Art Gallery.

Entries will be accepted until October 31. See www.maidstonearts.com or call 01622 602828.

Hunt for Easter eggs and raise charity cash

CHILDREN have been invited to a fun-packed day including an Easter egg hunt to help raise money for a hospice for the terminally ill.

The Heart of Kent Hospice will host the event at Oakwood House in Maidstone, which will include storytelling, and a mini farmyard featuring real lambs and Easter bunnies.

The farm has been kindly loaned for the event by the Museum of Kent Life.

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QUESTION & ANSWER

ROB SMITH



Q What is your professional background?

A I started out in radio first – I'd got the taste for it at Warwick University – and after leaving, while working for a small company in Essex calibrating hydrometers and viscometers (I really needed some cash...), I found out one of the girls in the lab was best friends with the news editor at Essex FM.

I then made sure I was at a party they were going to and kept plying him with lager until he agreed to give me a week's work experience. That was probably my best ever investment.

After being a trainee radio reporter at Essex for a year, and six months at The New Leicester Sound, I landed a job with BBC Radio Kent, reading news bulletins and reporting.

After seven good years there, which included presenting the drive-time programme, I moved over to TV.

Q What does your job entail?

A It depends which hat I'm wearing at the time. I am a reporter and presenter for BBC South East Today, the BBC's regional television news programme for Kent.

I also work as a video journalist – which means I film and edit my own pieces. There have been days when I have filmed and edited a story, and then presented the news programme as well!

The great thing about it is that I have almost complete editorial control over my stories.

Q What are your favourite aspects in terms of working in the South East?

A I love working where I live. I've been in Kent for over 12 years and have no desire to leave. I play hockey for Gillingham Anchorians and am captaining the 3rd XI this year. I keep my boat on the Medway – yacht rather than motorboat – and love getting out on the river during the week when sometimes you can be the only person out there. It is fantastically relaxing and invigorating when you have a good day. And having been around here for a while, I've gotten to know a lot of people – and people quite often recognise me, which is very nice.

Q How good is the area news-wise when compared to other parts of the country?

A We have everything here within such a compact area – right next to London, right next to the Continent – lots of farmland in the Garden of England, a huge coastline, ancient castles, and rural communities alongside built up areas like Medway. The only thing we're lacking is a Premiership football team. Once the Gills are in the top flight, I don't think you could find a better news patch anywhere.

Q What qualifications/skills are needed to get into your job?

A I have a degree in history and a postgraduate diploma in broadcast journalism – and neither are necessary to get a job as reporter or presenter in TV. The most important thing is, can you tell a story? Can you communicate

with people? It doesn't matter how academically gifted you are, if you can't get the gist of a complex issue down into a comprehensible news item and tell that story in less than two minutes, then you can't do the job.

Q Is your job rewarding?

A Immensely. There are occasions when you know that by highlighting an issue on TV, it can really make a difference to people's lives.

Reports on South East Today led to a government review into hospital cleanliness – that is something that makes a real difference to thousands of people.

Q What's been the highlight in your career?

A Presenting the main programme on South East Today fulfils an ambition in its own right. As a youngster in the 70s I used to watch Nationwide and always wanted to be a newsreader on the telly. I also wanted to be the person to say "This is the Ten O'clock News from the BBC..." – and I've done that as well.

Q What have you got planned for the future?

A This summer I am hoping to sail right around the British Isles and raise money for Leukaemia Research. The plan is to get round in about three weeks and stop off in Newcastle, Aberdeen, Belfast and Plymouth on the way.

Q & A

BBC South East Today presenter Rob Smith took the time to talk to **Simon Robinson** about his high-profile job, what makes working in Kent such a pleasure and what he likes to do in his precious spare time

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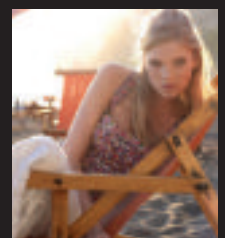
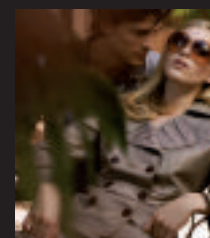
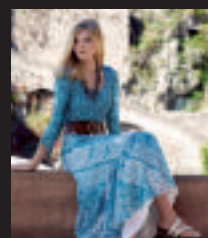
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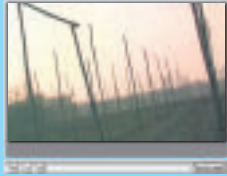
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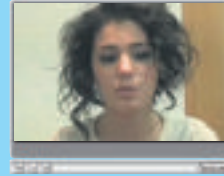
A training session in Maidstone as part of the FA Skills Coaching Scheme for five to 11 year olds.



Action from the quad bike racing on Margate beach which this year attracted more than 100 riders.



Click on to a comedy tribute to Kent's own funnyman Joe Pasquale by look-a-like Nigel Wright.



Katie Melua, one of the UK's top selling artists, met the under-10s Darenth Rangers football team sponsored by her label.

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Addicted to the run

Sports reporter **David Pritchard** spent Sunday preparing for an assault on the London Marathon next month with a 20-mile run up and down the hills of Thanet. He explains what drives him on and why, for a few hours, he'll be part of sport's elite

"MY name is David Pritchard and I am a jogger." They say admitting you have a problem is the best way to conquering your addiction, so I guess that's the first hurdle cleared.

I am coming clean because since October I have given up several evenings a week, plus most of my weekends, to running. It is all in the name of preparation for one big day out in April when I will join around 45,000 others attempting to complete the London Marathon.

The question is, why do so many otherwise apparently sane people commit themselves to six months of painful, exhausting training, all so they can run for hours on end around the capital?

Are we all mad?

The thought did cross my mind more than once on Sunday as I plodded my way round the Thanet 20-mile course with 500 others, most of whom were using it as a training race for London.

Granted it was a nice day to be outside, and the fact I had run 20 miles before some people had got out of bed did make me feel undeniably smug, but there must be better ways to see Ramsgate?

Nevertheless, as I write with limbs still aching from the exertions, I believe I have stumbled on the reason we put ourselves through all this agony.

Some good-hearted souls may do it to raise money for worthy causes, but I think for the majority – including myself – this is a positive by-product rather than the main motivation.

Instead, my theory is we do it to live out our

sporting fantasies. That may sound a little odd, but stay with me, I'm going somewhere with this.

You see, while most sport-loving people grow up with dreams of scoring a cup final winner or Olympic gold, sadly for all but a chosen few, at some point we have to admit defeat and get back to reality.

However, running the marathon allows us to revive those hopes and transforms us into sporting stars for the day.

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It's like having a kick-around at Wembley just after the FA Cup final, playing a round at St Andrews during golf's Open Championship, or driving your old banger around Silverstone during the British Grand Prix.

Sure we are never going to win and the only way we are likely to get on TV is if we are dressed as a deep sea diver or Marilyn Monroe (at this point I would like to make it clear I will be doing neither), but that's not the point.

In exchange for a few months' lonely slog around the streets we get to live the dream, and when you look at it like that we don't seem so mad after all.

At least that's my excuse for not kicking the habit and I'm sticking to it.

• David is attempting to raise £1,500 for Cardiac Risk in the Young by completing the London Marathon. If you would like to sponsor him you can go to www.justgiving.com/davepritchard and donate online.

Picture: GLEN PEARSON



ON TRACK: KOS Media sports reporter David Pritchard is putting in the miles in preparation for the London Marathon in April, all for charity

NEWS IN BRIEF

'Phenomenal' response to Kent Big Day Out

THOUSANDS of free tickets to some of the county's top visitor attractions were nabbed within hours of being made available.

An incredible 11,000 of the 16,000 tickets available as part of the Kent Big Day Out event were downloaded within eight hours of the Visit Kent website going live.

But the good news is there are still tickets available for a range of destinations.

Fran Warrington, head of tourism at Kent County Council, said: "The response to our second Kent Big Day Out has been phenomenal."

"Steam train journeys and boat trips were among the first to be snapped up closely followed by many of our newer attractions such as Dickens World, Go Ape at Bedgebury and Leeds Castle, as well as our iconic destinations such as Dover Castle and Canterbury Cathedral." For further information about all the attractions taking part in the Kent Big Day Out 2008 visit www.visitkent.co.uk or call in at a visitor information centre.

New competition looks for short comedy films

BUDDING film-makers still have time to enter a new competition looking for the short comedy films.

The 2 Days Laughter competition is being run by Margate-based Beeping Bush Productions and Canterbury firm Close-Up Film.

Organisers are looking for short films or sketches, stand-up or improvised routines of no more than five minutes in length.

Entrants may take time to develop their script, but the actual shoot and edit must take place over just 48 hours.

The shortlisted films will be put before a panel of industry professionals, which includes one of UK's favourite and most prolific actresses, Ramsgate-born Brenda Blethyn.

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Tory health chief backing our campaign to wipe out infection

BY JENNA PUDELEK

SHADOW Health Secretary Andrew Lansley has backed KOS Media's campaign to promote hand hygiene in hospitals and health-care centres across Kent.

The message is simple – WASH YOUR HANDS – and help the county's hard working doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals in their battle against superbugs.

The leading Tory came to Kent this week to view proposals for the new PFI hospital planned for Pembury near Tunbridge Wells.

Health bosses want it to be 100 per cent single rooms, which would tackle infection control problems and offer patient dignity.

He also visited Kent and Sussex Hospital in Tunbridge Wells, which saw two killer outbreaks of the superbug *Clostridium difficile*.

Asked whether he would back KOS Media's campaign, he said: "Yes absolutely, I think the public need to be aware that control of infection is something we can all play our part in."

He said killer bugs could live in the community and not cause problems, but when people are vulnerable and in hospital, care homes or even GP surgeries, germs can spread and patients are more susceptible to infection.

"People have to start thinking about managing infection as part of our social responsibility. We all need to be aware of the need to use alcohol gel in hospitals and in the case of C diff the need to wash your hands with soap and water," Mr Lansley said.

He added: "These airborne diseases can be minimised by people behaving well hygienically and making people increasingly aware of the need to protect others."

Deaths from the superbug C diff rose 72 per cent nationally between 2005 and 2006, figures from the Office for National Statistics revealed on Thursday.

In the South East there was an increase of 51 per cent with 292 people dying in 2005,



NEW PFI: Andrew Lansley, Greg Clark and Sir John Stanley being shown the model of the new hospital by hospital estates director Graham Goddard



compared to 576 the following year.

The ONS found that the majority of deaths across the country were among elderly people.

Meanwhile, MRSA took only 34 more lives in 2006 than the previous year in South East – a pattern also reflected nationally.

The Department of Health said the increase was because of more complete reporting on death certificates and said that infection rates had since dropped.

Infection rates in trusts across Kent have improved since 2006.

NHS South East Coast, the strategic health authority for Kent, Surrey and Sussex, said figures from the Health Protection Agency at the end of last year showed a continuing decline of C diff infections since 2006.

It expects to wipe out cases of hospital acquired MRSA by 2011.



STYLE GURU: Celebrity stylist Gok Wan with New Look competition winners at Bluewater

How to look good dressed

THREE lucky ladies found out how to look great this spring with the help of celebrity stylist Gok Wan.

The star of Channel 4's *How To Look Good Naked* paid a visit to Bluewater on Saturday, where he transformed the fully-clothed looks of the three competition winners.

Hannah Chapman, 14, from Dartford, Emma Douglas, 36, from Nuneaton and Carole Gunning, 47, from West Kingsdown, were treated to an expert makeover by Gok himself after winning a competition run by New Look.

Shapes

He showed them which colours and shapes suited them, before dressing them each in a fantastic new outfit from New Look's spring/summer collection.

Once hair and make-up stylist Yvette Redmond had added the finishing touches, Hannah, Emma and Carole left feeling like superstars.

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In the past month I have forked out £270 to replace two perfectly good tyres after wrecking them in a pothole on one of our country roads.

Oh yes, it damaged the front suspension too. So I'd like to take this opportunity to thank publicly all you folk responsible for the roads of this fine county.

Yes, that's right, you council people who take almost £1,500 a year from me in council tax (some of which is supposed to be spent on roads) and of course to the thieves at the DVLA who rip me off for another £160 a year in road tax.

In truth I had wanted to write this piece holding Kent County Council's lazy highways' department totally to blame for my damage and tell you that a look at their website gives me absolutely no indication who I can contact when the council fails to do its job.

But I was a wrong... well at least partially. Four weeks ago I drove through what I can only describe as a bomb crater on the nearside of the road in a village.

Scared the life out of me, I can tell you, as it ripped a hole in the rear tyre.

Now, I won't bore you but it's a tyre on a big saloon and suffers from the modern car makers' trend of putting huge wheels with low profile tyres on them.

Brilliant on smooth, properly maintained roads; absolute rubbish off them.

It is no wonder that 4x4s remain popular and deserve to continue to do so, so long as our roads only match those in Poland and other former Eastern Bloc states.

The joke is that all those new EC member states are getting zillions of euros (once again paid for by us) to build brilliant new highways.

Anyway, having stumped up a staggering £130 for a new tyre I took some pictures of the crater and resolved to contact KCC and give someone a piece of my mind. But I was busy.

But when the new sound of banging from the front suspension became unbearable I booked the car into the dealer.

"Your suspension mount is damaged sir, oh yes, and there's a dangerous bulge on the inside of the front tyre," I was told.

Now I was cross for not bothering to pursue

the matter immediately with the council.

In fact if you call the above number you will be put through to a nice young man who will listen to your complaint and the council will send an engineer to take a look at the road. Apparently.

You don't even have to worry about writing countless letters, you can email kenthighwayservices@kent.gov.uk (write that down too). You can email them your phone pictures of the hole that has just wrecked your pride and joy.

And hopefully the council will stump up the cash for the damage it has caused by its woeeful neglect of our roads.

The secret is to make sure you do complain, don't be like me and leave it too long.

As a pal of mine who works for a council said: "If people complain, we will do something about it. But compensating the few who bother to complain is cheaper than making sure the job is done properly and safely in the first place."

Remember 08458 247 247, ask for Highways. And drive carefully.

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WIN tickets to London Golf Show



IT'S one of the top dates on the golfing calendar with enthusiasts flocking to the London Golf Show.

And you could be there too next month thanks to this newspaper.

We have teamed up with organisers of the event at the ExCeL in London to offer ten readers a pair of tickets each.

Ryder Cup hero David Howell was among those at last year's London Golf Show and ExCeL London will once again open its doors to the golfing world, from April 25-27.

Howell was representing Cleveland Golf as one of the manufacturer's tour pros and the company will be returning along with fellow big brands Nike and Wilson.

All three will showcase their latest equipment on the purpose-built indoor driving range, while Cleveland and Wilson will also have their custom-fit trucks at the show, so golfers can enjoy the experience as tour professionals.

What's more, visitors stand to get even better value this year with a stunning offer on advanced tickets pricing them at two for just £15, while under-13s go free when accompanied by an adult.

And everyone coming to the show

can get free entry to A Place in the Sun Live, the world's largest overseas property exhibition, which is at ExCeL at the same time – that's two tickets to two shows for just £15.

With exhibitors showing everything from equipment and fashions to golfing gadgets and the hottest holiday destinations from around the world, the 2008 London Golf Show promises to be a great day out.

We have 10 pairs of tickets to the event to giveaway.

To enter, simply answer the question below and send your entry on a postcard along with your e-mail address (if applicable), name, address, and daytime telephone number to London Golf Show Comp, KOS Media, Apple Barn, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent, TN25 6SR. You can also text your answer to 81800, by sending LON08, followed by a space, the answer, a space and your name and address.

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Question: Where is the London Golf Show being held this April?



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TALK TIME

ROBIN FULLER

The parish councillor took the time to talk to Yourmaidstone about growing up in the county town and why it is a special place to live.



Can you tell us about yourself?

I have worked as a highways and drainage engineer since leaving Maidstone Grammar School in 1960.

I am now engineering manager for the Rural Housing Trust, which specialises in small village developments of affordable local needs housing.

My wife Lynda and I moved to Boughton Monchelsea in December 1999. At the time we were secretary and chairman of Linton Scout Group, but unfortunately the group had to close due to a shortage of leaders.

Boughton Monchelsea Scout Group found places for all the cubs and scouts from Linton who wanted to carry on and I said at the time, "if there is anything I can do to help in the future, please ask".

Now that opportunity has arisen and I am pleased to be acting as project manager for the group's new headquarters, which will be in Haste Hill Road.

The group is thriving with 60 members of various ages and a waiting list.

Tell us about your role within the parish council?

I was co-opted on to Boughton Monchelsea Parish Council three years ago to represent the North Ward and have just been elected chairman following the resignation of Ian Ellis. He is going to be a hard act to follow.

Maidstone is a great place to live with interesting history, a wide choice of drama and music productions, nice places to eat and good shopping.

The surrounding countryside has much to offer and during 35 years as a regular runner I got to know most of the footpaths in the area.

YOUR LETTERS



Bureaucrats have closed our festival

I was saddened to read your front page story last week about the River Festival being cancelled.

This has become a highlight of the year for the boating community in our town.

I have been for the last five years and was looking forward to meeting up with people you see at the event every year.

The cancellation is a sad loss to the town as we do not make enough use of the river, which should be one of our greatest assets.

To see thousands of people flock to the river banks and have a good time was a wonderful experience which will be missed.

The organisers have done a fantastic job over the years and deserve thanks for the boost they have given our economy.

It's easy to blame Kent Police for the crippling charges which have killed off the festival.

But I think the blame lies squarely with the national bureaucrats who have brought in this ridiculous blanket policy which will kill off community and charity events.

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WIN tickets to The Vitality Show



ENTRY EXTENDED

THERE'S still time to enter the fabulous competition we ran last week to land one of 30 pairs of tickets and a goody bag for the Vitality Show with Muller at London's Olympia.

Europe's largest health, beauty and well-being show takes place between March 27-30.

And we are grateful to all of our readers who contacted us to point out, due to a glitch in the system, the question posed to win the tickets was omitted from our copy. Everyone who has contacted us has been entered into the prize. But those who want to enter can still do so as the closing date is now March 14.

To be in with a chance of winning, answer the question below and send your entry on a postcard along with your email address (if applicable), name, address and daytime telephone number to: Vitality Show Comp, KOS Media, Apple Barn, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent TN25 6SR.

Q. In which UK city is the Vitality Show taking place?

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The police have always managed to cover events in the past from the taxes we give them every year and I really can't understand why this has to be changed now.

Mike Rogers,
from Maidstone, by email

Conservation is the key to success

Bill Hyde's got it wrong again. The cheapest and quickest way to meet energy needs is to save

Why wind power leaves me cold

Your mystery contributor who wrote last week's blogger has

energy. No one has ever suggested depending on wind power alone, but it has the largest potential to deliver electricity of any of the available options and at half the price of that generated by nuclear power.

And wind power does not involve huge decommissioning or radioactive waste storage costs.

Since we have the best wind resources in Europe, the UK will benefit from further offshore wind farms – including those planned to add to the existing Kentish Flats wind farm operating off Whitstable.

Bill's idea of returning to fast breeder reactors for our electricity is extraordinary.

The British Fast Breeder Reactor programme's Dounreay power station was shut down in the 1990s having been found too expensive and unreliable to run.

The best electricity production it ever managed was just 18 per cent of its intended capacity. It was a terrible waste of money.

Bill also falsely claims renewables cannot meet demand for energy. In particular, he is saying renewables cannot meet base load or peak demand.

Late last year, a German economics ministry experiment showed that distributed power can indeed produce reliable base load in a secure and reliable manner.

Thirty-six decentralised renewable plants – a mix of biogas, wind, solar (photovoltaics, or PV) and hydropower – were linked by three companies and a university in a nationwide network controlled by a central

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computer. This demonstrates that new coal or nuclear power stations can be avoided, if a strong commitment to implementing renewable energy is made.

According to Bill's claims, Austria should not be able to meet 78 per cent of its electricity demand from renewables, but it does; Iceland should not be meeting 76 per cent of its total energy demand from renewables, but it does.

What has been done elsewhere in Europe can be done here. It is a matter of political will since the technological obstacles Bill alleges do not in fact exist.

If a more effective Government commitment to energy conservation and renewables is created, many useful, long-term jobs will be created in Kent as elsewhere.

Steve Dawe,
from Kent Green Party, by email

Make the most of no smoking day

We all know that more and more people are quitting for good, but smoking is still the number one cause of premature avoidable death in the UK.

There are 12 million smokers in the UK, and it's a habit that will kill half of those who aren't able to give up. Most smokers would like to quit, but it's not easy. And that's where No Smoking Day comes in.

No Smoking Day 2008 takes place on March 12, and this year's theme, The Great No Smoking Day Challenge, is all about getting involved and getting fit.

You can get sponsored to support your favourite charity, there's a

whole range of activities going on in communities right across the UK, and you can sign up for free text messages and emails to help you through the first weeks.

Across the UK over a million people will rise to the challenge and commit to quit for good. Are you ready to join them?

Dr Rosemary Leonard MBE,
BBC Breakfast's resident doctor, by email



What happened to all the good music?

So we are going to have a music festival in May.

I hope it's nothing like the mumbo jumbo we had in the Brits Awards – what a load of rubbish.

I'm afraid the days of good music that you could listen to are long gone. We never seem to get country music or nice ballads that older people can enjoy.

It's all noise, noise, noise all the way through, which is alright for kids.

E Alexander,
from West Malling, by letter.

Payment options are not easy for us all

A number of high street retailers have recently announced they will no longer offer their customers the opportunity to pay by cheque.

Whilst the slow death of cheques is probably inevitable, older people remain more likely than other age groups to continue to use cheques as a means of payment.

The truth is that some older consumers in Maidstone may already be struggling with the many changes in the way we manage money, such as the introduction of chip and pin cards, and this represents another challenge.

More than nine in ten older people have told us that more should be done to help vulnerable older people deal with the changes in the way society uses money.

As a charity we provide advice to older people across the country on exactly these issues through our Your Money Matters programme, run in partnership with Barclays.

The projects are aimed at improving the skills, confidence and financial situation of older people by providing basic money management and debt advice.

We would recommend older readers consider asking their bank or building society for a chip and pin, or a chip and signature card.

For those who find it difficult to use a PIN, the chip and signature card is a better option. All retailers should offer the facility to use this type of card.

Rachel Corry,
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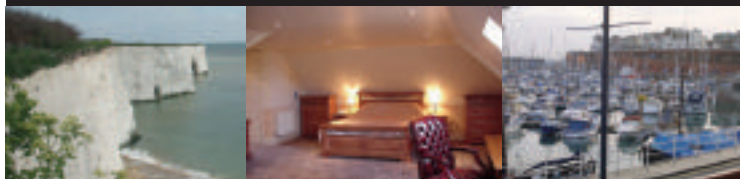
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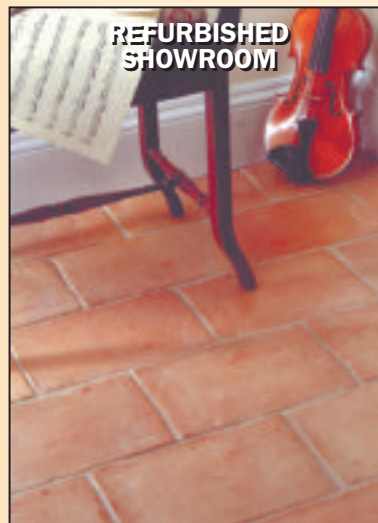
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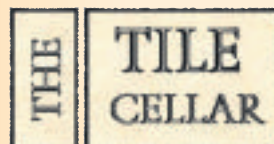
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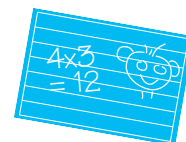
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BREAK TIME

Early learning key conference topic

A MAJOR conference today will allow school teachers and childcare workers to discuss essential aspects of a child's early learning.

The free conference at the Ramada Hotel in Maidstone includes seminars and speeches by national and local speakers, including the director of Kent Children's Families and Education Graham Badman, and representatives from Ofsted and the Children's Workforce Development Council.

Run along to school for Sport Relief

PARENTS, children and teachers will put on their running shoes for one of the biggest sporting events of the year.

The Malling School is hosting 'The East Malling Partnership mile' in aid of Sport Relief on March 16.

There are thousands of events taking place over the weekend of Friday March 14 to Sunday March 16. To take part in the Malling mile will cost adults £5, children £2 and a family £12.

For more information call 01732 840995 or visit www.sportrelief.com to find out about other events.

It's the right option

EVERYTHING you need to know about education options across Kent will be contained in a major new supplement published this weekend.

Education in Kent will be available in our sister title - Kent on Sunday - and made accessible online for easy, free, download via our website, www.yourmaidstone.co.uk.

The guide covers all ages of education from nursery to adult.

Results make girls into 'record-breakers'

■ BY LAUREN MUMFORD

GRAMMAR school pupils in the county town have excelled in their key stage three exams, the latest results tables have shown.

Students at Maidstone Girls Grammar achieved the fourth best SATs results in the county, scoring an average of 44 per cent.

Maidstone Grammar was also among the high achieving schools with an average score of 43.4 per cent.

They were joined by Oakwood Park Grammar School with 42.5 per cent and Invicta Grammar School for Girls with 41.6 per cent.

MGGS deputy headteacher Paul Harris said: "We're obviously very delighted indeed, the results are a credit to the hard work of the students and staff."

"We have actually had a record-breaking year with 74 per cent of students achieving level seven in English, 63 per cent in science and 87 per cent of students achieving level seven or above in maths."

"What's particularly rewarding is the students have only joined us from primary school three years ago and this is the first analysis of how they've progressed, which has been really good for them and their parents."

Youngsters at schools across the country sit their SATs examinations in November, where they are quizzed in maths, science and English.

These compulsory national exams tell staff and parents how well pupils are getting on at school, if they are at the correct level for their age, and in some cases, puts them into 'streamed' classes depending on their level of ability in preparation for their GCSEs.

Kent County Council cabinet member for



HIGH ACHIEVERS: Students at Maidstone Girls Grammar achieved the fourth best SATs results in the county

education Chris Wells said: "It is really pleasing to see how Kent pupils have risen to the challenge and are getting ahead of the national average at level six, and with such a large proportion achieving exceptional levels."

"For schools like MGGS this is a welcome ratification of all the hard work that teachers and pupils do to raise standards across the county."

The boroughs mainstream secondary schools can also hold their heads high with The Astor of Hever Community School, Aylesford School, Holmesdale Technology

College, The Malling School, St Simon Stock, Maplesden Noakes and Valley Park Community School all scoring above an average of 30 per cent in the exams.

Schools in Tonbridge and Malling achieved the highest results this year. The Judd School in Tonbridge and Skinners in Tunbridge Wells both shone with average scores of above 45 per cent, closely followed by Tunbridge Wells Girls Grammar School with 44.4 per cent.

Thanet's Marlowe Academy was polled as the worst performing school with an average SATs score of 25.4 per cent.

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Acoustic performance awaits you on **the ether**

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

WITH heartfelt lyrics and intricate guitar work, do-it-yourself singer-songwriter Jon Woode has created quite a stir from his garden shed.

Loosely described as folk, Woode's varied style has invited comparisons with Nick Drake, receiving rave reviews for his latest album *Into The Wildness*.

The Ether – our broadband TV channel www.yourkenttv.co.uk's new showcase for the county's musical talent – this week features two songs performed by the acoustic artist.

He said: "I found it hard trying to pigeon-hole myself into a few genres when I will probably not stick to them. I write in whatever style or genre I have running through me at that particular moment."

"I don't like the idea of being restricted in creativity, I don't set out to write a song in a certain style, I just write it as it comes. I love the old-fashioned sounds, songs and recordings and also love to hear the new. I am not a lover of highly produced music and only wish to record the true music that I create."

Despite using a bespoke Atkin guitar, hand-built by Canterbury luthier Alistair Atkin, Woode makes a point of using simple recording techniques to maintain a raw edge.

He said: "I am not really into the over-produced sounds that flood our air waves. My first album was just a diary of songs, first takes recorded by me on a Tascam Pocket Studio 5 using only the built-in mic. I have moved on since then, but not far. I now have a Tascam eight-track and a nice Rode K2 mic."

"Although the equipment is a lot better than it was, it is still very basic and the studio I've built in my garden has no sound-proofing and



VARIETY: Jon Woode writes music in the style running through him at that moment

is shared with my wife's easel and paintings. "Hopefully this will all go towards capturing a sound that is a realistic version of what I do and will be an album I'm happy to put out."

Woode performs live at various festivals and acoustic nights around the county, with notable appearances at Lounge On The Farm near Canterbury, and the city's muso-haven Orange Street Music Club. As well as formal

gigs, he also enjoys the odd appearance at open mic nights, including the renowned sessions at The Barge in Gillingham.

His love of folk music stemmed from five years spent in north Cornwall, where he lived and performed prior to moving to Kent.

Woode is currently working on his new album, *Fields Of The Senses*, which is expected in the summer.

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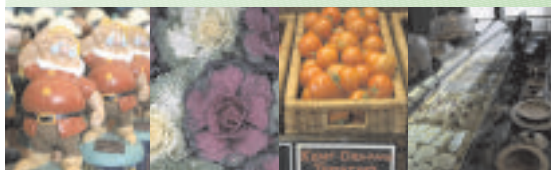
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Former pop star brings the extraordinary story of American singer to life on stage

THE magical talent of tragic star Eva Cassidy is the subject of acclaimed musical *Over The Rainbow*.

Starring Faye Tozer, formerly of chart-topping pop group Steps, it explores the extraordinary story of the American singer who became a huge star only after her early death. The play features 27 of Cassidy's best-loved songs, including her signature tune about hope and life in a mystical land.

Born in February 1963, Cassidy was surrounded by music from the very start. Her father Hugh was a big fan of artists like Pete Seeger, Buffy St Marie and Ray Charles, infusing his daughter with a love of music and singing. He taught her to play the guitar and she was soon able to accompany herself and her three siblings, Anette, Margret and Dan.

As a teenager she sang with local bands in the Washington area and spent a summer playing guitar at a theme park. While pursuing her love of music, she also became an accomplished artist and created paintings, sculptures and jewellery.

In 1986 she met Chris Biondo, who would help her find work as a session singer, becoming both her mentor and her boyfriend.

Her first commercial recording was made with Chuck Brown, who met her through Biondo. Originally he wanted her to record one duet for inclusion on his next album, but the pair ended up

OVER THE RAINBOW

Friday, March 14, and Saturday, March 15
Granville Theatre, Ramsgate

releasing an entire album of duets.

Over the next few years Cassidy became a popular performer in Washington, winning a number of awards for her fantastic interpretations of popular songs.

She eventually released a live album, recorded at the city's Blues Alley, but remained virtually unknown outside her home town.

In July 1996 she noticed an ache in her hips and was diagnosed with

melanoma. Despite having treatment, she died at the family home on November 2 at the age of 33.

Six months later, a compilation of her recordings was released as the CD *Songbird*. It remained in relative obscurity for two years until Terry Wogan played two of her tracks on his BBC Radio 2 show following a recommendation from his producer.

The reaction to Cassidy's versions of *Somewhere Over The Rainbow* and *Fields Of Gold* was immediate, with a camcorder video of her singing live at Blues Alley being shown on the BBC show *Top of the Pops 2*.

Songbird climbed to the top of the UK album charts and since then her posthumously-released recordings have sold some six million copies.

This poignant and moving musical has been a hit all over the UK and Ireland, as well as winning Best Production Of The Year in Holland. Led by Tozer, the talented cast of West End performers celebrates the life and work of an unforgettable artist.

To book tickets, phone the box office on 01843 591750. For more details, visit the website at www.granvilletheatre.com.

HIT MUSICAL: Faye Tozer stars as Eva Cassidy in *Over The Rainbow*



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OLD friends and new talent will be making sweet music at two fantastic events at The Loft this week.

On Friday, the club in Gabriels Hill plays host to the BBC Introducing tour, featuring four of the county's best up-and-coming bands – It Hugs Back, Mr Basista, Floors & Walls and Antikid. There'll be an exclusive DJ set from James Bursey of BBC Kent Introducing, as well as the usual great indie and rock

LIQUID SESSIONS

Friday, March 7
and Saturday, March 8
The Loft, Maidstone

from the resident DJs. There will be live music from 8pm to 11pm and tickets cost £4 before 11pm or £5/£4 after.

The Liquid Sessions night will be making its main room debut on Saturday, welcoming drum 'n' bass superstars

(pictured) to Maidstone for the very first time. They will be joined by old friends Artificial Intelligence and the outstanding resident DJs.

The Liquid Sessions opens at 10pm and tickets cost £6/£5. The club shuts at 4am both nights.

For more details or to join the guestlist, call 07739 713890 or email ls@osmosisbeats.com for The Liquid Sessions and jeff@club-class.org for BBC

THE PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY

Wednesday, March 5
Hazlitt Theatre, Maidstone



THE chilling story of a young man with a terrible secret is being staged in unique style by European Arts Company.

Oscar Wilde's only published novel, The Picture of Dorian Gray, has long fascinated readers and cinema goers with its tale of a man with a beautiful face and an ugly soul. This exciting new version by the Rochester-based company uses five versatile actors and only the objects found in an artist's studio to tell the classic tale.

Using just items like stepladders, brushes and dust sheets to create the physical world of Victorian London, the production has been described as "full of energy, talent and creativity".

When attractive Dorian Gray admits he would give his soul to see the painting age instead of his face, he gets his dubious wish. As his life sinks into debauchery, each sin is etched horrifically on the face of his alter ego.



The distinguished cast includes Richard Latham from Casualty and Mario Vernazza, who appeared in The Da Vinci Code.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £12/£10. To book call the box office on 01622 758611 or log onto www.hazlitttheatre.co.uk.



EXPERIENCE the best in old-time hillbilly music with the Southern Tenant Folk Union.

With songs that sound like they come from long forgotten, pre-war records, the London-based six-piece takes its inspiration from the 1930s forerunners of bluegrass music. The band takes its name from the groundbreaking multiracial union of sharecroppers and non-landowning tenant farmers, founded in

SOUTHERN TENANT FOLK UNION

Monday, March 10
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Arkansas at that time.

The self-titled debut album received rave reviews and the second, Revivals, Rituals & Union Songs, contains more self-penned songs that epitomise the rootsy and traditional sound.

Singer/songwriter Scott Shipley will be joining the

band, demonstrating why he is an award-winning artist. He started performing at the age of five and has travelled across five continents as part of his musical journey. Shipley's performances can include anything from deep delta blues to high lonesome bluegrass.

The concert starts at 8pm and tickets cost £8 in advance or £10 on the night. Book in person at the bar in King Street or by calling 01622 744481.

MAIDSTONE LEISURE

Don't miss out on the sounds at the Zebra Bar

MUSIC fans will have another chance to discover great sounds in Maidstone as a new regular event begins at the Zebra Bar every Wednesday.

Tonight Medway-based punk/ska/rap outfit Tyrannosaurus Alan will be supported by pop/alternative Yeovil act Melancholy Moose Society and Medway posters Lightsgoblue.

The gig starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £5 on the door. Find out more online at www.myspace.com/soundsatzebra.

Fly along to see the band and raise money

THE Central Band of the Royal Air Force will be giving a charity concert in Aylesford tonight.

The concert, which is being held at the Ditton Community Centre, will raise money for the Royal Air Forces Association. Tickets cost £12.75 and the concert starts at 7.30pm.

For more information call 01622 715401 or visit the website at www.aylesfordandmallingrafa.org.uk.

A few notes about fair trade and poverty

TWO acoustic singer/songwriters will be performing in Maidstone to support Traidcraft, which fights poverty through trade.

Gareth Davies-Jones and Rob Halligan are bringing their Fair Trade Tour to Maidstone Baptist Church in Knightrider Street on Saturday. The gig starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £4/£2 on the door.

For more details call 01622 737198. Find out more about the organisation online at www.traidcraft.co.uk.

Get in line to be part of charity barn dance

KICK up your heels and enjoy a good dance while helping to raise money for charity this weekend.

A barn dance is being held in aid of the RNLI in Aylesford on Saturday. There will be a licensed bar at the event at Aylesford Village Community Centre in Forstal Road and the ticket price includes a cold supper.

The dance starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £7. To book tickets and meals call John Ashbolt on 01622 725435.

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Cruising tour is ice cool

BY LOUISE CAHILL

YOU might not imagine celebrated Italian film director Federico Fellini to be automatically associated with cruising – but the presence of the great man looms large on the giant 85,000-tonne Costa Atlantica superliner.

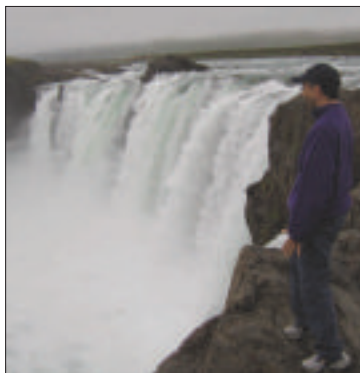
Our cabin was on Deck Eight And A Half, named after one of Fellini's most famous films. The deck directly below, Ginger and Fred, recalled a Fellini TV movie and other deck names inspired by his movies include La Strada, Roma and La Dolce Vita.

Once on board, the link begins to make sense, for the bold interior design of Costa Atlantica blends classical Italy with more contemporary ideas. The lobby space, spanning eight decks, feels a bit like a cathedral at sea.

The other eye-catching feature about Costa, which really moved into mainstream cruising when the founding Italian family sold out to Carnival and Airtours (the UK operator no longer with us) back in 1997, is the prices.

While Costa has dramatically upgraded the quality of its fleet, value for money remains a strong point and some of its cruise-only prices come in under £100 per day. Money saved is often splashed out on luxury spa facilities which are another Costa hallmark.

For our voyage to the Norwegian Fjords, we found our own way to Amsterdam as an



WINTER WONDERLAND: Stunning water features are mixed in with volcanic landscapes and snow

overnight stay in this delightful Dutch city made the ideal curtain-raiser to our voyage.

Ahead of us lay some ports with a rich nautical history – Bergen, Hellesylt, Geiranger, Alesund in Norway; Torshavn on the Faroes, Akureyri and Reykjavik in Iceland, even the remote Scottish ports of Lerwick and Invergordon – before Amsterdam again.

Although Costa claims to promote 'Cruising Italian Style', its passengers are drawn mainly from Western Europe. English is quite rarely heard and often squeezed out by Italians, Spaniards, French and Germans.

Although cabin space on board Costa

Atlantica isn't vast, no fewer than 620 of its 999 cabins have private balconies. Dotted around a dozen decks, you'll also find three restaurants, 12 bars, a three-deck theatre, casino, disco and more. Not to mention three swimming pools (one with a retractable roof), a water-chute and four jacuzzis.

The itinerary was fascinating and included gorgeous Geiranger and a tour to the top of Mount Dalsnibba: the midnight sun was another attraction.

Despite her vast size, Atlantica navigated her way through some tight twists and turns in locations only usually heard of on weather warnings: Bailey, South East Iceland, Fair Isle and Faroes.

The volcanic basalt of the Faroe Islands is thought to be 60 million years old. We docked at Torshavn, supposedly named after Thor, the Norse god of thunder.

The skies were certainly not something we were used to. During summer, it's traditional for the Faroese to climb a 2,500m mountain to experience sunset and sunrise with just an hour in between.

Iceland, first colonised by Irish monks in 870AD, is a joy of glacial activity, volcanoes and memories of Viking sagas. We were then thrilled by Dimmuborgir with its lava formations, followed by the geothermal field of hot springs at Hverir with its belching mud pools.

The price was worth it just for the sky near Surtsey, a volcanic island and the southernmost point of Iceland. Photographing the striped red and yellow display, I lingered on our balcony – it would have been an insult to the sky to sleep.

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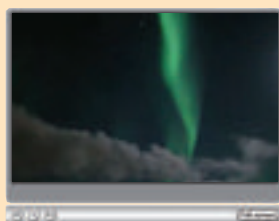
Time difference	As UK time
Currency	Krona (approx 130 to £1)
Capital	Reykjavik
Population	313,376
Language	Icelandic
Religion	National Church of Iceland
Climate	Cool temperate

Holiday details

Louise Cahill was a guest of Costa Cruises, which offers a 13-night voyage from Amsterdam to Iceland and Norway's Fjords in June 2008 from £1,669, cruise-only full fare.

Costa's Pronto Price for early bookers can cut prices from around £200 per person.

Costa reservations: 0207 940 4499 and www.costacruises.co.uk



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Uma finds her romantic side

■ BY KATE HODAL

FOR most women, finding and settling down with your one true love can be a soul-searching, life-long activity that you only hope ends in success.

But for Uma Thurman in her latest movie role, finding a husband is a bit like catching a bus: you spend forever waiting for the right one to show up, and then two arrive at once.

The Accidental Husband, Uma's latest foray into the world of rom-com, sees the 6ft beauty playing Dr Emma Lloyd, a pragmatic but uptight radio relationship expert and talk-show host who's engaged to the affable and ever-so-English Michael (Colin Firth) when she discovers that – on paper – she's already betrothed to some guy named Patrick.

While the so-called 'love doctor' might spend her days dispensing advice to the lonely and bewildered women of New York, when it comes to knowing what real love is, she does not have a clue.

After carelessly advising one caller to ditch her hubby-to-be, Emma finds herself the victim of a spurned and hot-headed fireman (played by Grey's Anatomy star Jeffrey Dean Morgan), who decides the only way to cure his broken heart is to hack into city records and make Emma already married – to him.

"Emma is at the height of her career and she's about to be married to a great guy," explains Uma, looking gorgeous in a black suit and plunging gold top for the London premiere of the film (which she rode to in a London fire engine).

"She thinks she has it all and then this 'accidental husband' comes in and wrecks everything. I just love the vulnerability of someone who thinks she knows everything and then gets taught the lesson of her life. And I could

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completely relate to her: super successful, sure of herself in practically every way, and clueless at the same time."

Uma spent the last 10 years developing this film, which she also produced, after finding that all the roles she was being offered were a bit ditzy (think The Truth About Cats and Dogs), a bit serious (remember Dangerous Liaisons?), or a bit too active (try Kill Bill).

"I loved everything about this script, from the title, to the set-up of the plot, to the dialogue. I saw it as the perfect way to express my sense of humour and I thought: I can do this – I'll just cast myself"

Uma's own love life has been in and out of the newspapers after her six-year marriage to her Gattaca co-star Ethan Hawke, with whom she has two children – Maya Ray, 9, and Levon



LOVE DOCTOR: Uma Thurman is back in rom-com role

Roan, 6, ended in 2004. Since then she's been linked to New York hotelier Andre Balazs and is now rumoured to be engaged to Elle Macpherson's former partner, French financier Arpad Busson.

While she may have felt some affinity with the romantic but confused 'love doctor', Uma downplays the importance of advice and finds it more important to make decisions for yourself.

"I don't think anyone takes advice," she says, sporting a mysterious blue-stoned ring on her wedding finger. "Everyone just needs to talk about their issues. They don't actually ever want to take advice, but it's a great launching point for gossip."



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A NEW collection of pretty pink and red raspberry clothing has been launched at a popular department store.

House of Fraser in Fremlin Walk has unveiled the new Belle collection by Oasis – a pretty range of occasional wear in raspberry and salmon pinks with matching accessories – which is perfect for spring days.

The range includes pencil skirts and bandeau tops, plus wide leg trousers and camisoles for day time chic.

For more details visit www.fremlin-walk.co.uk.

Get sexy for bargain prices with La Senza

LINGERIE store La Senza is offering customers great deals on selected underwear and night clothes.

The outlet in Fremlin Walk has fantastic deals on striking styles of sexy knickers, bras and nighties, as well as many other items.

Shoppers can also stock up on sensible pyjamas with the 'practically a princess' range, which is on offer as a buy one get one free deal. For more information see in store or visit www.lasenza.co.uk.

Time to get a new look for the festival season

STORES are already looking to the summer season and stocking everything a festival girl could need.

New Look has launched its Global Festival range with ethnic dresses, sandals and scarves a key theme at it's The Mall Chequers store.

Eye-catching pieces in the collection include a moon buckle brown vintage belt for £8, white and blue lace plaket tops at £8, and crease front denim shorts from £18. Tank tops are a steal in white and peach from just £4.

Next stop for great deals on kids' clothes

MORE than 100 items of stylish children's clothing are included in a massive sale at a high street retailer.

The huge winter sale of Next has kids clothing starting from as little as £4 and accessories from £2.50 at the stores in Fremlin Walk and The Mall Chequers.

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For more information see in store.

Get the latest music from this year's Brits

FOR the best British music of the year pick up a copy of Brits Hits 2008 – launched after the star-studded awards ceremony last week.

The CD, which includes hit songs from the likes of Amy Winehouse, Rihanna and Mika, is now available at the Woolworths store in Week Street.

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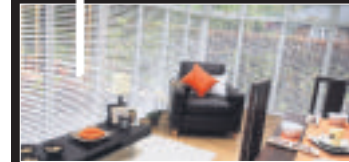


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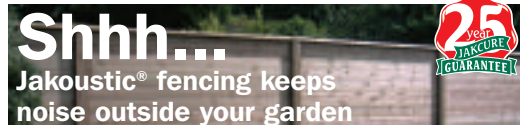


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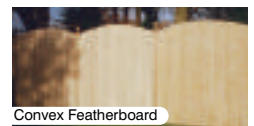
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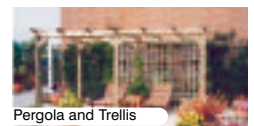


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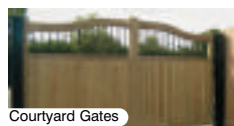


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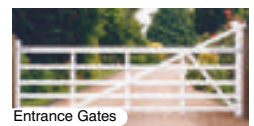


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YOUR TV REVIEW

BY TOM BETTS

LIFE IN COLD BLOOD
BBC1, 9pm, Monday
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THERE are some things in life that really can make your jaw hit the floor. Images of deep space taken from the Hubble Space Telescope and, more amazingly, my pal Pete who last week managed to form a coherent sentence after necking more than ten pints of Stella Artois.

But, until you've seen a snake swallow an antelope whole, tearing its skin apart in the process, these things tend to pale into insignificance.

I refer to David Attenborough's triumphant return (isn't it always?) with the brilliant, *Life in Cold Blood*.

Last Monday, we encountered the snake in its many forms as the show managed the impossible, to make us feel sympathetic for one of the world's most reviled species.

Educational, visually stunning and surprisingly, for a programme about reptiles, occasionally touching.

At 81, and with more enthusiasm for his subject than a man half his age, Attenborough is still the consummate wildlife presenter. The whispering voice of amazement and authority.

Yet, despite all the accolades, never does he encroach on the true stars of the show, the animals themselves and even the crew get a look-in with a 10-minute slot that shows how they set about capturing such fine footage.

Making the blood run cold, but in an entirely different manner, is ITV1's *The Palace*.

Just rattling the old thumb along the remote at 9pm is a truly chilling experience. For here is a show that



CLASS: Sir David Attenborough knows his stuff

makes you actually glad that the commercial break exists.

This right royal rubbishness must be manna from heaven for the BBC as Attenborough and co have been trumping the ITV effort by more than two million viewers on Mondays.

The first episode held a certain curiosity...

The King had died unexpectedly and the next in line to the throne was to grudgingly step forward to do his duty.

For a moment it was all quite exciting, well, until we found out the heir to the throne was little more than a sulking, catalogue model with a fine line of neatly pressed shirts and sticky-out pocket handkerchief things.

Yes, it was a bit of a let down, from which this jumped up Dallas-lite nonsense never really recovered.

Still, I suppose it could be worse; the next night *Hotel Babylon* was on.

Answers to all of this week's **timeout** quizzes can be found on our website

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

YOU'RE ready to fight for your rights. Someone who has repeatedly tried to undermine you is in for a big surprise. A loud confrontation will expose them for the bully they really are. A friend may betray you this week. Perhaps they're uncomfortable with what you're doing.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

IT'S time to spread the word about your accomplishments, even though you're a pretty humble person. If you don't show off your talents, you could be passed over for the perfect job. You've been blessed with incredible talent, but you've also got to sell yourself to the public.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Taurus** 09067-531753



LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

WORKING independently boosts your self-esteem. You're starting to realise just how resourceful you really are. It may be best to keep your opinions to yourself between now and early May or you could unintentionally offend someone you need to befriend.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Leo** 09067-531756



SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

YOU know what you want and you're going to go for it big time. Developing a creative project is another possibility. You're bound to hit some snags along the way, but the final result will be breathtaking. Don't let people put you off, they don't know how determined you can be.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Scorpio** 09067-531759



PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

CONFRONTING a boss or expert will be a scary prospect, but an exhilarating one too. It's hard to argue with someone with your moral authority. You're embarking on an exciting new period, and need an updated image. Friends may be startled by this change.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Pisces** 09067-531763



GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

THE next two months bring a rare opportunity to increase your income. You cut through obstacles like a hot knife through butter. Don't let a powerful sexual attraction distract you from your goals. You need to focus on your dreams. A fresh career opportunity is coming your way.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Gemini** 09067-531754



VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

WORKING with a group will be much more rewarding than going solo. Granted, you're among the most capable members of the team. That doesn't mean you can't benefit from the experience, though. A romance could be on the horizon so follow your instincts.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Virgo** 09067-531757



SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

A **CHANCE** to air family issues comes your way. It feels wonderful to get these feelings off your chest. You've never been the type to keep a polite silence. Be prepared for things to get ugly. Fortunately, you know it's better to be straightforward than maintain a pleasant façade.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Sagittarius** 09067-531760



ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

THIS week finds you dividing time between home and work. If you've been thinking of moving, start looking now. Don't expect your boss to be happy about your request for time off to attend family responsibilities. Hold your ground, bigger and better chances will come.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aries** 09067-531752



CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

YOUR need to succeed drives everything you do this week. Unfortunately, this quest could drive a wedge between you and a loved one. Don't be so quick to cancel plans to make room for a business meeting. The chance to take a glamorous vacation could be on the cards.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755



LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

IT may be necessary to put in extra hours at work. You hate to burn the candle at both ends, but there's no other way around this situation. A normally understanding loved one won't like it either. You'll have plenty of opportunities to be together once this busy period ends.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758



CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

YOUR words hold extra gravitas and importance over the coming weeks. Standing up for others and empowering people to make their own decisions is the best use of your time. Your passion will turn the tide in your favour. Sometimes raw emotion can be most effective.

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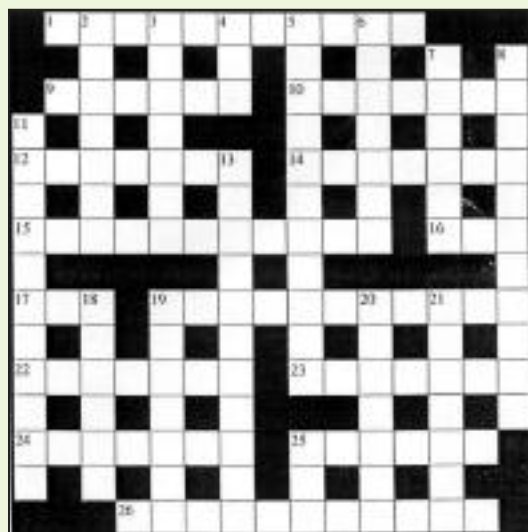
ACROSS

- 1 Order, order stop at temporary military headquarters (7/4)
- 9 Good man, getting on, presented the play (6)
- 10 Dam loyal (7)
- 12 Idle Bob somehow sought to influence officials (7)
- 14 I sing up and be heard when it is freezing (5/2)
- 15 Drunk producing revelry (11)
- 16 River Ebro eventually contained eggs (3)
- 17 World wide trap? (3)
- 19 Retraced one's steps returning over trail completed (11)
- 22 Rose, one walking in the country (7)
- 23 Firm is accepting meat or leather (7)
- 24 Short stockings on lady giving shout of praise (7)
- 25 Cape found in group on chorus line (6)
- 26 Preserving built-up area in London? (7/4)

DOWN

- 2 Just over four weeks, love, to be in credit (7)
- 3 Enlarge gown with middle removed provided during the month (7)
- 4 Incline to agree (3)
- 5 Being this, one is not very hopeful (11)
- 6 Has remarkable whistling sound whilst moulding (7)
- 7 Orange variety of ass! (6)
- 8 Crooked tender lady! (11)
- 11 By law mother could be culpable (11)
- 13 Being this one has no grave doubts presumably (4/7)
- 18 Provide inspiration for puzzle (6)
- 19 Be with one lady or another (7)
- 20 Opposed to Turkish commander this month (7)
- 21 Which person who has been informed has technical expertise? (4/3)
- 25 Bird enclosure (3)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Moving forward (11)
- 9 Nude dash (6)
- 10 Optician (7)
- 12 Open gallery (7)
- 14 Escapes (4/3)
- 15 Bought back (11)
- 16 Zilch (3)
- 17 Son of Noah (3)
- 19 Protein in red blood cells (11)
- 22 Perceive (7)
- 23 Deviate (7)
- 24 Rodents (7)
- 25 Ghostly (6)
- 26 Dismissed summarily (4/7)

DOWN

- 2 Rodent catcher (3-4)
- 3 Enlarge (anag.) (7)
- 4 Moose (3)
- 5 Swedish-style buffet (11)
- 6 Jumped (7)
- 7 Repudiate (6)
- 8 Majesty (11)
- 11 More than expected (4,3,4)
- 13 Feat (11)
- 18 Unhappiness (6)
- 19 Brave lady (7)
- 20 Registration document (7)
- 21 Enter forcibly (5,2)
- 25 Ocean (3)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

EASY



MEDIUM



HARD



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE No 25: 1) White brickwork missing 2) Man's T-shirt a different colour 3) Fog light gone from car 4) Words missing of shop's sign 5) Co-op hanging sign erased

CRYPTIC SOLUTIONS No25

ACROSS: 1 Sandcastle 6 Epha 9 Raise 10 Love 11 Gnat 13 Classical writer 14 Notecase 16 Efflux 18 Shanty 19 Blast-off 22 Take exception to 24 Looe 25 Stir 26 Naomi 27 Rung 28 Shapellest. **DOWN:** 1 Saracen 2 Naira 3 Cheesecutter 4 Solecism 5 Lively 7 Punctilio 8 Anthrax 12 Professional 15 Track down 17 Claptrap 18 Settler 20 Florist 21 Scotch 23 Niobe.

QUICK SOLUTIONS No26

ACROSS: 1 Progressive 9 Streak 10 Outlist 12 Veranda 14 Gets out 15 Repurchased 16 Nil 17 Ham 19 Haemoglobin 22 Observe 23 Dipsy 24 Bourne 25 Spooky 26 Sent packing. **DOWN:** 2 Rat-trap 3 Cleaner 4 Elk 5 Smorgasbord 6 Vaulted 7 Disown 8 Stateless 11 Over the odds 13 Achievement 18 Misery 19 Heroine 20 Logbook 21 Break in 25 Sea.

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BIRTHS

ALLEN

Daniel and Pamela of Canterbury are the proud parents of George Noah Kai Allen. George was born on 18th February 2008 weighing 3.65kg (8lb 1oz).

BAKER

Gabrielle and Andrew Baker of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their daughter Eva Elizabeth Baker on 16th February 2008.

BAX

Lawson James born on 13th February 2008, weighing 8lb 1oz. Son to Paul and Paula in Ramsgate, and brother to Olivia.

CHAPPLE

Emi Chapple born on 19th February 2008, weighing 6lb 15oz. Daughter to Wayne Chapple and Leanne Smith.

CLAMP

Brandon Harvey born on 12th February 2008, weighing 8lb 2oz. Son to Dean and Joanne Clamp in Ramsgate.

EDWARDS

Connor Robert born on 14th February 2008, weighing 10lb. Son to David and Kiley in Margate. A brother to Rose.

GALE

Michelle and Paul Gale of Broadstairs celebrate the birth of their daughter Jessica Erin Gale on 25th January 2008. A sister for Aimee.

GLOVER

Luke and Lindsay Glover of Margate celebrate the birth of

their son Bradley Chris Glover on 3rd February 2008.

GREEN

Daniel Sean David born on 14th February 2008, weighing 8lb 2oz. Son to Sean and Tracey in Ramsgate.

HACKER

Gareth and Georgie Hacker of Crockham Hill are delighted to announce the birth of their baby son Albert John born 29th January 2008 weighing 8lb 0oz.

HOLDAK

Elizabeth and James Holdak of Sevenoaks are delighted to announce the birth of their son Jude Llewellyn Holdak born 20th February 2008 weighing 8lb 12oz.

HOPKINS

Alex Leslie Paul born on 16th February 2008, weighing 7lb 6oz. Son to John and Emma Hopkins of Maidstone.

JARVIS

Nichola and Keith of Margate celebrate the birth of their son Oliver William Jarvis on 16th February 2008.

LANE

Jennifer May born on 14th February 2008, weighing 6lb 12oz. Daughter to Helen Amos and Stephen Lane in Maidstone. Our special little angel.

LOVE

Jane and Nigel are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Emily Rose on 7th February 2008 weighing 6lb 3oz.

MERKAJ

Sajmir and Margaret of Canterbury are very proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Sienna, on 19th February 2008.

MOORES

Brandon born 15th February 2008, weighing 7lb 5.2oz. Son to Claire and Rod in Margate Kent.

MORRIS

Sam and Amanda Morris of Hunton are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Poppy Jane born 29th January 2008 weighing 7lb 15oz.

MUNRO

Jennifer Summer born on 13th February weighing 8lb 4oz daughter to James and Noreen.

NEWMAN

Martin and Paula are pleased to announce the birth of their son Oscar Reg, born on 13th February 2008, weighing 9lb.

NUNN

David and Louise are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Emily Grace on 22nd January 2008 weighing 8lb 14oz

NURHAKLI

Mia Nurhakli the beautiful daughter of Helen and Ilhan born on 28th January 2008, weighing 8lb 6oz.

PALMER

Kenzie born on 19th February 2008 weighing 6lb 8oz. Son to Neil and Tanya in Margate.

PALMER

James and Tanja of Sevenoaks are delighted to announce the arrival of Chloe on 16th February 2008 weighing 7lb 12oz and smiling.

PRZETACZNIK

Mariusz and Anna are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Victoria Olivia on 10th February 2008 weighing 3220 grams.

RATCLIFF

Bethany-Jo born on 12th February 2008, weighing 6lb 12oz. Daughter to Joanne and Shaun Ratcliff in Dover.

RAWSON/CARLSON

Robert and Lisa of Canterbury are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Oscar David Rawson, on 11th February 2008.

ROBINSON

Kevin and Nicola are pleased to announce the birth of their son Rhys Charlie, born on 18th February 2008 at the William Harvey Hospital, weighing 6lb 11oz.

SKINNER

Charlie Thomas born on 24th February 2008 to proud parents Dave and Lisa of Tunbridge Wells.

SMART

Jennifer and Neil are proud to announce that Aidan is now the big Brother of Sophia Rose Smart, born on 28th January 2008.

SPURWAY

Barry and Angela are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Dorothy Abigail Spurway. A sister for Connor, Dorothy was born on the 16th February 2008 at 10.13pm and weighed 7lb 12oz.

STONER

Leo Andrew born on 15th February 2008, weighing 7lb 10oz. Son to Gabriela and Michael in Broadstairs.

STRONG

Layne & Katie (Collins) of Bromley are proud to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Amelia Grace on January

31st, weighing 7lb 6oz. First grandchild for Christine and Glenn of Broadstairs.

TAYLOR

Wendy and Colin of Margate celebrate the birth of their daughter Melody Terri Katherine Taylor on 11th February 2008.

WATTS

Ronnie James born on 13th February 2008, weighing 9lbs 5oz. Son to Jodie and Paul in Thanet.

WILD

Jake Andrew Logan born to proud parents Ted and Robert of Sevenoaks on 13th February 2008 weighing 8lb 10oz.

WILLIAMSON

Macey born on 10th February 2008, weighing 6lb 14oz. Daughter to Joanne Williamson and Richard Walton in Dover.

WILSON

Jack Edmund born on the 12th February 2008, weighing 8lb 10oz. Son to Sophie of Folkestone.

WILSON

Keira Wilson born on the 15th February 2008 weighing 7lb 1oz. Daughter to Hannah and Scott Wilson in Dover.

WOODS

Matthew and Jemma of Tunbridge Wells are pleased to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Millie Sarah Lilian on 21st February weighing 9lb 10oz. A sister for Kai, Emily, Jake and Billy.

DEATHS

ANDERSON

Kathleen Ellen Anderson of Eccles passed away peacefully at The Heart of Kent Hospice on 24th February 2008 at the age of 86.

BLOOMFIELD

Brenda Bloomfield passed away on 23rd February 2008. Sadly missed by all and a much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Night night God bless.

BROWN

Paddy (Patricia Evelyn) of Canterbury died peacefully on 24th

February 2008. A service of thanksgiving will be held on Tuesday 4th March at 2.30 at St Dunstons Church, Canterbury. Donations to Pilgrims Hospice, Canterbury or R.N.L.I.

BUCKINGHAM

Carole of Belting passed away 24th February 2008 after a long illness. Beloved wife of John Mother of Tony Tracey and Christina much loved Grandmother. Funeral service to be held 5th March at 3.20pm Barham Crematorium donations can be made to Cancer research UK web page on Caroles memorial page.

DICKS

Margaret Elizabeth Macintyre passed away peacefully on 20th February 2008. Enquiries to Dilnot Smith Funeral Directors 01304 812300.

HARRIS

Teresa Martin Harris of Herne Bay passed away suddenly, but peacefully, surrounded by her family on 25th February 2008. A loving mum and grandma who will be very sadly missed. A service will be held at St Marys Roman Catholic Church, Northwood Road, Tankerton at 10am on Monday 10th March followed by a cremation at Barham at 11.20am.

HEATHFIELD

Beryl Lilian passed away peacefully on 24th February 2008. A wonderful wife, sister, Mother and Grandmother. She will be ever in our thoughts. Service of thanksgiving at St Lukes Tunbridge Wells Thursday 6th March 12.30pm. All welcome.

HONE

John Richard Hone of Canterbury passed away suddenly on 24th February 2008. A beloved husband, loving father and much loved grandfather and great grandfather. He will be sadly missed by all and forever loved. The funeral is to be held on Wednesday March 5th at Barham Crematorium at 4pm.

ENNER

Ted (Edward George) Jenner of Canterbury formerly of Newington, passed away after a long illness on 22nd February 2008. Ted will be very sadly missed by all of his family. Funeral to be held on 5th March at 1.15 at Newington Church and 2pm at Bobbing Crematorium. Family flowers only, but if desired donations to Lord Whiskey Animal Sanctuary C/o High.

LENTON

Audrey passed away at the Kent and Sussex Hospital on 23 February. A dearly loved Mother and Grandmother who will be very sadly missed.

LYONS

Pearl Lyons of Yalding died peacefully on the 20th February 2008. Funeral Service at Yalding Church at 11am on the 5th March 2008.

MARRON

Brian Peter of Canterbury. Beloved husband of Linda and devoted father and grandad passed away peacefully after a long illness on 22nd February, aged 73. Donations to cancer charities in his honour greatly appreciated.

McCOMBIE

John McCombie passed peacefully away on 21st February 2008 at Darent Valley Hospital. Much loved brother and uncle. Always in our thoughts. Enquiries to Horlocks Funeral Services Longfield.

MOLONEY

John Moloney formally of Bexhill and Wadhurst, died peacefully on the 23rd February aged 90, after a short illness, happy to be reunited with his dear wife Ena.

OVEREND

Freda Constance Joy of Margate died at Faversham Cottage Hospital on 26th February 2008. A loving aunt who will be sadly missed by all who knew her. The funeral is to be held on Friday 7th March at 12 noon at

THANET

Crematorium. Family flowers only but donations if desired to R.N.L.I.

PAYNE

Mabel Payne passed away at the wonderful age of 92 (and a half!) on the 24th February 2008, following a very long and happy life. She will be very sadly missed by her family. Funeral enquiries to the Co-operative Gravesend.

SKINNER

George Skinner of Maidstone died peacefully on 24th February 2008. Funeral Service at Vinters Park Crematorium at 11am on Wednesday 5th March.

STEWART

Phyllis Stewart of Lenham passed away on 24th February 2008. Enquiries to A. W. Court at Grafty Green on 01622 850840.

STUCKE

Robert Frank Stucke of Deal passed away peacefully at home on 20th February 2008. Beloved husband of Joyce, loving father of Nicholas, Lyn and Neil and much loved grandfather to Isabella, Minnie, Yuri, Darcy, Cory and Leigh. The funeral took place on Tuesday 26th February at Barham.

TOOZE

John Austin Tooze of Maidstone, formerly of Bristol, passed away peacefully on 14th February 2008, aged 75. Contact Co-Op Funeral Services Bristol 01117 9556455.

WHITE

Minnie Agnes 11.01.1922 to 17.02.2008 passed away peacefully at home in her sleep on the morning of the 17th. Mum we love you. Gone but never to be forgotten. Goodnight Sweetheart. Hazel, John, David, Elaine, Peter, Dawn, John and Jill and Families.

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PROPERTY NEWS

Remortgage figures on the increase

ABOUT half of all mortgage activity last month resulted from home-owners seeking remortgages, it has emerged following recent studies.

The figures will fuel concern of a slow-down in the housing market, particularly among first-time buyers.

Figures from the British Bankers' Association, drawing on data from all major UK banks, show an increase in both new mortgage approvals and remortgaging.

The study is the most extensive of its kind undertaken and widely regarded as a barometer for the housing market.

There was a 17 per cent rise in remortgages, with 79,016 home-owners refinancing their properties.

Remortgage activity now makes up 49 per cent of all activity, the highest proportion since the BBA began collecting data in 1997.

But mortgage approvals were still up on the month before, rising to 44,288.

BBA director of statistics David Dooks said: "Higher gross mortgage lending in January largely reflected very strong remortgaging activity, as borrowers sought out the best deals available."

France and Spain lose out to Austria

AUSTRIA is gaining prominence as a destination for a second home because properties are often cheaper and easier to buy than in other European countries.

The central European state is gaining ground at the expense of more traditional areas such as France and Spain.

Also surging ahead in popularity are the emerging eastern European destinations of Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania and Slovenia.

Experts say the Austrian property market is experiencing a change as it moves away from providing for holiday-makers and enters the second-home market. Prices in the country have remained stable in recent years and the number of homes changing hands each year is relatively low.

However, new EU regulations have made mortgages more readily available, encouraging buyers from abroad.

Property prices in Austria are now rising at between six and seven per cent a year and the country has been included in the list of 20 best locations to secure positive returns by the BBC's A Place In The Sun show.

Now's the time to snap up a bargain

■ BY NICK AMES

WHILE much of the UK recorded a monthly fall in new home prices in January, conditions could be ideal for bargain hunters.

According to property specialist Smart NewHomes.com, developer incentives and competitive prices mean now is an ideal time for new home buyers to secure a bargain ahead of anticipated price rises in the spring.

The South East and London remain the most expensive areas in which to buy, but property in Scotland is also increasing in value ahead of the rest of the country.

The new homes market typically suffers from a slow start to the year and the 0.5 per cent fall in average prices recorded in January is no cause for alarm, say experts.

However, while average prices over the last quarter have flattened, they are expected to pick up as more buyers return to the market with renewed confidence – fuelled by interest rate cuts expected over the coming months.

David Bexon, of SmartNewHomes.com, said: "Despite a slow start to the year, prices are likely to pick up as buyer confidence returns, fuelled in part by a series of further interest rate cuts which I would expect to see as early as March. However, the current dip in prices across the new homes market makes now an excellent time to buy."

Other experts do not share the optimism. Capital Economics, the consultancy led by one of the City's leading economists, Roger Bootle, has long been predicting that the UK house price boom will come to an end.

This past year, studies indicated that prices would rise by only 3.5 per cent, and as it turns out, they could be on target. But citing a slowing economy, expensive prices, stricter lending and more mortgage defaults, Capital Economics has revised predictions for 2008.

The consultancy's Ed Stansfield said: "We expect house prices to fall 5 per cent next year and a further 8 per cent in 2009, wiping out the gains of the last 18 months."

"The long-overdue housing market correction now appears to be under way."



BUYING: Mixed opinion on house prices sees some experts suggesting now is the time to buy, others are more cautious

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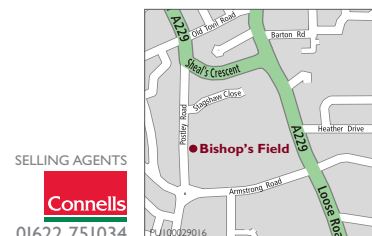
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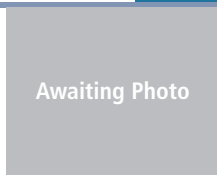
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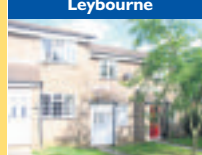


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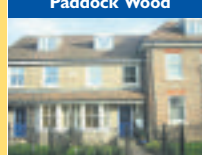


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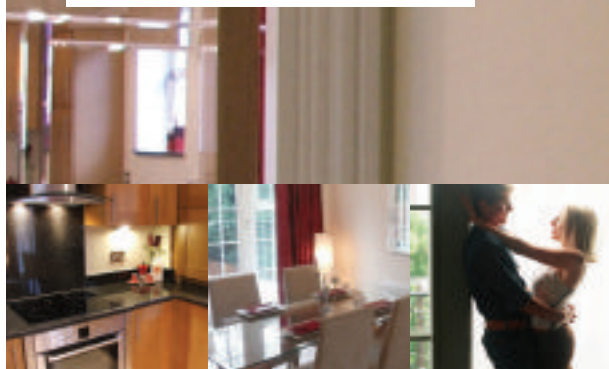
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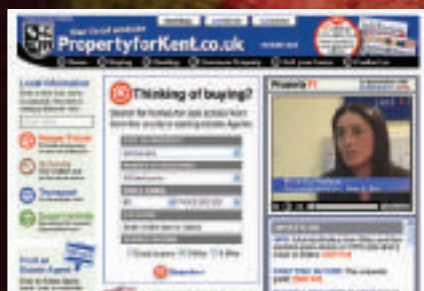
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Jodi's Great Wall charity challenge

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Jodi's cousin Andrew was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia, which is why she chose the charity. Jodi is funding the trip herself so that all sponsorship goes to the charity. Pledges can be made via Jodi at Lipscomb at 0845 338 9902 or at www.Bmycharity.com/jodischinatrek.



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The 1.4 TDI Fabia GreenLine – £11,490 and £12,140 in hatch and estate form respectively – achieves this miserly feat through aerodynamic panels fitted beneath the chassis, replacement of the spare tyre with a puncture repair kit and raising the front bumper by 35mm.



Lexus V8 is gunning for its German rivals

LEXUS wants to inject a more potent image into its Lexus IS compact executive saloon series, which tends to be overshadowed by German rivals.

Toyota's luxury arm has unveiled a potent V8 version due here in April and dubbed the IS-F in a clear effort to attack the BMW M3, Mercedes C55 AMG and Audi S4 performance flagships. Apart from a pronounced V8 'burburle' the car will stand out with distinctive styling such as double vertically stacked twin exhausts.



POWERFUL: The VXR is certainly a muscular beast, but whether or not the boy racers it will appeal to can afford it is another matter entirely

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BY STEVE LOADER

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wrestler with its wheel arch vents and diffuser. The interior is smart thanks to alloy highlights and fabulous Recaro front seats – these might not give much, but the contoured comfort is startling.

Climb past the Recaros – their wide shoulders make this harder than standard Corsa seats – and you also have enough rear space to imagine some young dads persuading 'er indoors that it really is a "good motor for the family, luv".

Couple this with decent ride quality and cruising refinement and the VXR is a hot hatchback that you really can live with on a long journey, yet it also 'walks the talk' to go with its looks.

The car has tenacious grip without unnecessarily hard suspension, plus good steering feedback and a tidy flat cornering stance.

The impressive engine power also feeds efficiently to the road without the steering wheel fight of the bigger Astra VXR, and links well with a well-spaced and slick six-speed gearbox.

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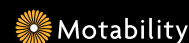
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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

FORD FOCUS ESTATE



FORD'S estate spin-off from the original futuristic Focus design was not the most convincing looker, but proved to be an effective load lugger with all the driving virtues of its sister. Secondhand bargain hunters will find plenty of engine and trim choice at affordable prices – many companies bought these to put reps and their samples on the road – but check for high mileage and abuse. If you can afford them, Focus Mk II estates make more elegant used buys.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

VAUXHALL MERIVA



IT has not enjoyed the new car sales success of its Zafira big brother, but used car buyers know the value of the Corsa-based Vauxhall Meriva. It's compact yet still has a higher driving position; it is also tall and capacious yet handles with car-like sure-footedness. Mix in a good range of engines and trim – including a scorching VXR version – and you start to see why this flexible five-door MPV is sought after on the used market.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

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TIME was that practicality was a dirty word with car buyers and choosing an estate was an admission you needed to carry tools on weekdays and kids at the weekend. But 'lifestyle estates' suggesting a rural existence, as well the rise of MPVs have made space and flexibility permissible and even big business. So, we have chosen three affordable yet useful secondhand load luggers to illustrate different approaches: an estate based on a best seller, a thoroughly modern MPV and a capacious van-based all-rounder.

CITROEN BERLINGO MULTISPACE



POSTMAN Pat jibes come thick and fast, but you can have the last laugh with a miserly yet capable diesel version of this van-based work-horse. Along with its Peugeot sister – the Partner Combi – it's pleasant to drive, cruises well and has two rear sliding side doors for easy access. The legendary power and refinement of the diesel engine is another attraction to tempt families, dog lovers or those who need something simple and roomy to suit a sporty lifestyle.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
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PUNTO 1.2 16v, 2003, blue, 36749 miles, £4295, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.8 Zetec, 1999, insurance group 9 2 owners service history immobiliser drivers airbag power steering moonroof silver, 64000 miles, £3289.1 A Carriages, Croyford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FOCUS, Zetec 5dr Auto, 5866079, front fog lamps, remote central locking, alarm, rear headrests, rear wash/wipe, electric front windows, adjustable steering column, radio cassette, twin air bags, power steering, cloth upholstery, alloy wheels, blue, 41200 miles, £3995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

FOCUS Zetec 5dr, front fog lamps, remote central locking, alarm, rear wash/wipe, electric front windows, adjustable steering column, radio cassette, twin air bags, power steering, cloth upholstery, alloy wheels, blue, 43000 miles, £4295, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

FOCUS Zetec 5dr, front fog lamps, remote central locking, alarm, rear wash/wipe, electric front windows, adjustable steering column, radio cassette, twin air bags, power steering, cloth upholstery, alloy wheels, blue, 43000 miles, £4295, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

HONDA

ACCORD, 2.2i 120i Sport, 10003851074, immobiliser, remote central locking, colour coded interior, half leather, centre armrest, height adjustable seat, lumbar support, adjustable steering column, cruise control, multi-function steering wheel, power steering, abs, child locks, multiple airbags, colour coded body, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, rear spoiler, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, electric windows, dual climate zones, multi-disc cd player, steering wheel audio controls, alloy wheels, metallic blue, 66000 miles, £9990, AR Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

ACCORD, i-VTEC SE, 5530079, remote central locking, remote alarm, electric mirrors, electric windows, height adjustable seat, cruise control, power steering, adjustable steering column, radio cassette, air conditioning, twin air bags, electric sunroof, rear armrest, abs, cloth upholstery, red, 56000 miles, £3695, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

CR-X, LS, 1963mfl, electric windows, immobiliser, power steering, air con, sunroof, air bag, cloth upholstery, remote central locking, metallic paintwork, cd, stereo, 4x4, blue, 70000 miles, £3999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

HYUNDAI

COUPE, S, half leather, immobiliser, central locking, remote central locking, power steering, cd player, stereo, anti-theft system, 17" alloys, aluminium silver, 12000 miles, £3999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

COUPE 2.0, SE, 2002, silver, 129941 miles, £3995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

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TROOPER, Clation 3.5 V6 LWB, 1999 (t), 4x4 Isuzu trooper citation 3.5 V6 Lwb auto, 5 door, new met, full electric pack, immobiliser, electric windows, 6 speed gearbox, full service history, radio/cd player, cd autochanger, twin/side/curtain airbags, abs brakes, engine/immobiliser, air alarm, electric door mirrors, limited slips, rear wash/wipe, adj. steering column, seat height adjuster, sports seats, seven seats, alloy wheels, carbon grey metallic, 15,000 miles, £12,995, Hollis Motors, Dover, 01304 208710 (TRADE)

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S-TYPE, 3.0 V6 Auto, 1999, insurance group 15 abs alarm alloy wheels body central locking front electric windows, remote central locking, remote central locking drivers airbag electrically adjustable drivers seat electrically adjustable passenger seat folding immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cassette remote central locking side airbags traction control trip computer 2 owners service history, meteorite silver, 62000 miles, £5000, A1 Carriages, Croyford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

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KIA

CARENS, 16v Crdi Auto, hk54 eht, front fog lamps, remote central locking, alarm, full leather, centre armrest, electric windows, electric mirrors, adjustable steering column, height adjustable seat, air con, twin air bags, abs, power steering, cd player, radio, rear, 8500 miles, £5995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

CARENS, 2.0 CRDI LX 5dr Auto, cu54gtz, abs, air bag, twin air bags, air con, electric front windows, electric windows, cd, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, front fog lamps, central locking, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, centre armrest, head restraints, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, power steering, metallic paintwork, low pack, automatic electric windows, radio, stereo, imperial blue met, 18707 miles, £6999, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

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5, TSD 2.0 110PS 5dr MPV, Jan 2006 g15fuy, two previous keepers, power steering remote central locking, air conditioning, electric windows, 6 speed gearbox, full service history, radio/cd player, cd autochanger, twin/side/curtain airbags, abs brakes, engine/immobiliser, air alarm, electric door mirrors, limited slips, rear wash/wipe, adj. steering column, seat height adjuster, sports seats, seven seats, alloy wheels, carbon grey metallic, 15,000 miles, £12,995, Hollis Motors, Dover, 01304 208710 (TRADE)

6, TS D 143, 2006, grey metallic with charcoal, 31000 miles, £10495, IJM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

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MINI

COOPER, Pepper 1.6 Auto, 2000, trim: cloth engine size: 1600 transmission: automatic no. of doors: 3, pearl black, 36000 miles, £10495, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

COOPER, 1.6 3dr, 08/03/2002, cd player abs alarm power steering electric windows, silver, 47600 miles, £5799, Invicta Motors, Ashford, 01233 504400 (TRADE)

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206, 1.6 16v Roland Garros 5dr, remote central locking, immobiliser, half leather, height adjustable seat, sports seats, adjustable steering column, power steering, trip computer, abs, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, automatic electric windows, electric mirrors, climate control, cd player, radio, stereo, remote alarm, multi-function steering wheel, child locks, multiple airbags, auto lighting, rain-sensing wipers, panoramic sunroof, alloy wheels, metallic green, 68000 miles, £3990, Kent TDI Centre, Maidstone, 01622 750022 (TRADE)

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206, 1.4 HDi, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, multi-function steering wheel, abs, air bag, cd player, air conditioning, electric windows, white, 50000 miles, £3000, Clearways Commercial, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

206, 2.0 GTi 180 3dr [DACC], 17/03/2005, cd player abs alarm driver airbag power steering immobiliser auto climate control body coloured bumpers dual climate electric windows, black, 44115 miles, £5899, Invicta Motors, Ramsgate, 01843 853555 (TRADE)

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CLIO, Expression 1.4 16v 5dr, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, height adjustable seat, retractable rear window, metallic paintwork, multiple airbags, adjustable steering column, electric windows, electric mirrors, air conditioning, cd player, uk specification, uk supplied, mercury silver, 3222 miles, £3695, Lloyds Renault, Tunbridge Wells, 0844 844614 (TRADE)

CLIO, Extreme 4 Dynamique 16v 3dr, remote central locking, remote alarm, cloth upholstery, abs, air bag, traction control, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, radio, cd player, air conditioning, electric windows, electric mirrors, alloy wheels, aluminium silver, 16881 miles, £5295, Saunders Abbott, Sidcup, 020 8300 2450 (TRADE)

CLIO, 16v, 1993, blue, 122500 miles, £700, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

GRAND SCENIC, sc55asa, 1 owner, air conditioning, abs braking system, alloy wheels, cat 1 alarm, foglights, rear window sunblinds, switch-off facility, height & reach adjustable steering wheel, flame red metallic, 7500 miles, £5495, E-SURED Cars UK, Broadstairs, 0845 6447751 (TRADE)

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9-3 VECTOR, 2005, trim: part leather engine size: 1900 transmission: automatic no. of doors: 4, pearl black, 34700 miles, £14995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

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VAUXHALL

ASTRA, Coupe Edition 1796cc 2 door, 2000, cd player air conditioning alloy wheels central locking alarm multiple airbags power steering trip computer verified immobiliser electric windows, met red, 67000 miles, £3495, Northdown Road Motor Company, Margate, 01843 290890 (TRADE)

ASTRA, LS 1598cc 5 door, 2003, cd player air conditioning alloy wheels central locking alarm multiple airbags power steering mileage verified immobiliser electric windows, met red, 67000 miles, £3495, Northdown Road Motor Company, Margate, 01843 290890 (TRADE)

ASTRA, 16v 1995, 3x3 point rear seat belts abs air conditioning alloy wheels body coloured bumpers dual climate electric windows, black, 44115 miles, £5899, Invicta Motors, Ramsgate, 01843 853555 (TRADE)

ASTRA, Life 1248cc 5 door, 2007, cd player air conditioning central locking alarm driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering mileage verified immobiliser electric windows, met silver, 22000 miles, £4995, Northdown Road Motor Company, Margate, 01843 290890 (TRADE)

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GOLF, 1.6 Final Edition 5dr, cfs3xg, immobiliser, remote alarm, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, height adjustable seat, folding rear seats, traction control, trip computer, abs, multiple airbags, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, cd player, radio, stereo, alloy wheels, aluminium silver, 33000 miles, £5790, Kent TDI Centre, Maidstone, 01622 750022 (TRADE)

PASSAT, 1.9 Highline TDI 130 4dr, 03/03/2005, cd player alloy leather hood cover driver airbag immobiliser headrest seats electric windows, 32477 miles, £10495, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 08444 992321 (TRADE)

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An application form can be obtained by telephone 01474 533802 Ext 201 fax 01474 536122 or by email taylorg@ntc.kent.sch.uk. Please enclose/attach your CV. Do check our web site: www.ntc.kent.sch.uk.

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Closing Date: 14th March 2008

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Closing date: 14 March
Interviews: 25/26 March



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Closing date for applications - 20th March 2008

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You will be responsible for taking forward the Trust's work
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Closing date for applications - 17th March 2008

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Salary range £19,096 - £23,161

You will be driving forward the delivery of landscape scale
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Closing date for applications - 17th March 2008

For full details and application form please contact:
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For informal enquiries please contact Carrie Sanders, Head of Department
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Ref: PL/NAC/77.

Interview date: 10 April 2008.

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Temporary Conference Services Supervisor

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For informal discussion, please contact Lee Bolton, Radiography Professional
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Ref: RAD6/AHP/77.

Closing date: 17 March 2008.

Application forms and further details are available from
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Closing date unless stated 14 March 2008.

Shepway and Ashford 14-19 Planning Forum Strategic Co-ordinator

Salary £50,000+ pa
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Location Kent, South East

Contract Type 2 year fixed term in the first instance

Kent's 14-19 Partnership is managed jointly by Kent County Council, the Learning and Skills Council and Connexions Kent and Medway, together with education providers including schools, FE Colleges, Higher Education Institutions and Work Based Learning Providers. This partnership operates at local level through 9 Planning Forums, two of which cover the areas of Ashford and Shepway.

Each Planning Forum is responsible for driving forward the government's 14-19 reforms to encourage more young people to continue learning for longer and gain the skills and qualifications they need to progress into further education or employment. Central to the reforms are the 14-19 Diplomas which the Strategic Co-ordinator will play a pivotal role in. The primary focus at this stage is delivery of Diplomas but in due course the Co-ordinator will be the driving force behind the planning forums to ensure an appropriate range of provision is available for all young people in the Shepway and Ashford areas to meet the national 14-19 entitlement.

We are seeking to appoint a committed, innovative and motivated individual. You will be able to demonstrate excellent leadership skills, have good project management skills and successful experience of working in partnership with multiple organisations. Applicants must have knowledge and understanding of 14-19 developments nationally and locally, excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to work independently. The work will be based between Shepway and Ashford, flexibility and willingness to travel is essential.

To obtain a full job description please email Katherine.daynes@lsc.gov.uk or telephone 0845 019 4152.

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Closing date **21st March 2008**

Interviews 25th – 28th March 2008

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Miss S Spratley, Pent Valley Technology College, Surrenden Road,
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For an informal discussion relating to job ref. COM0906L, please contact Sohini Patel on 01634 338343 or email sohini.patel@medway.gov.uk

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Ref: COM0911E

LNFA scale point 4–8. Salary £19,847 – £24,254 pro rata. 200 hours per annum (minimum).

Applicants should hold, as a minimum, a DTEFLA/DELTA or a PGCE in TEFL, or equivalent.

For informal discussion, please contact Lindsay Perrin on 01634 338458.

Part-time Sessional Tutors. Two Posts:

LNFA scale point 1–3. Salary £16,712 – £18,880 pro rata.

Skills for Life ESOL (FLLN) Ref: COM0912E

You will deliver ESOL to parents and carers and both young and school-aged children, focusing on family and school life.

All applicants must have a teaching qualification and Level 4 ESOL subject specialism or be currently working towards their Level 4.

Skills for Life: Numeracy Ref: COM0913E

Applicants must have a teaching qualification and Level 4 subject specialism, or be working towards one.

Other Sessional Tutor Vacancies Ref: COM0914E

Turkish, AutoCad, RYA Dayskipper, Golf, Singing, Keyboarding, Yoga, Exercise/Keepfit for the elderly.

All applicants must hold a suitable teaching qualification.

For an informal discussion about the above posts, please contact Chris Osborne on 01634 338423 or Email: christine.osborne@medway.gov.uk

Any offer of appointment for any of these positions will be subject to a Criminal Records Bureau enhanced disclosure.

Closing date for all vacancies: 7 March, 2008.

To apply for the positions above

write to **Chris Osborne, Medway Adult Learning Service, Rochester Centre, Eastgate, Rochester, Kent ME1 1EW.**
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Section Manager Construction Crafts

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £32,808 per annum
Post Ref: 08/12/KOS

We require a dynamic individual to manage the Construction Crafts provision in the College. It is essential to have experience of working in at least one area of wood, brick or bowl.

The successful candidate will have excellent leadership skills, good oral and written communication skills, a strong focus on quality and experience of teaching.

For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel Office on 01227 811282 (24hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.

The closing date for the above post is Monday 17 March at 12 noon.
Interviews to be held on 3 April 2008

Staff benefits include:

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Temporary Section Manager Sports, Leisure, Travel & Tourism

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £32,808 per annum
One year temporary post to cover maternity leave
Interviews to be held on 2 April 2008
Post Ref: 08/27/KOS

Lecturer Construction Crafts

37 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 per annum
Post Ref: 08/18/KOS

Lecturer Motor Vehicle

Full and Part time hours available, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 per annum (Pro Rata for part time posts)
Post Ref: 08/28/KOS

Supply Lecturers are required in the following areas:
Various hours available, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

Science/Chemistry (to teach ND Science/AS/A levels)
Post Ref: S/S&C/KOS

AS/A level Archaeology
Post Ref: S/Arc/KOS

AS/A level Economics
Post Ref: S/Eco/KOS

Supply Lecturers required to teach at the Corporate IT Centre in the following areas:
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Desk Top Publishing, Web Design, Programming, Computer Aided Design, IT Maintenance, Networking
Microsoft Office to Advanced level (using VISTA and Office 2007)
Please specify your area of expertise in your application form
Post Ref: S/Corp/KOS

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Registry Manager

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £36,365 per annum
Post Ref: 04/169/KOS
Interviews to be held on 28 March 2008

Infrastructure Team Leader (Computing Support)

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £23,651 per annum
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Senior Nursery Officer - Education and Curriculum

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £16,304 per annum
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Pre 16 Learning Support

25 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time.
Salary starting from £16,364 pro rata per annum
Fixed term post ending 31 August 2010
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Trainer Demonstrator Sport & Leisure

9.25 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,375 pro rata per annum
Post Ref: 08/26/KOS

Learning Support - Basic Skills & ESOL

18.5 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time.
Salary starting from £16,364 pro rata per annum
Post Ref: 06/52/KOS

Temporary Senior Administrator for Work Based Learning

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,375 per annum
Temporary post up to 1 May 2009 to cover maternity leave
Post Ref: ATC1/KOS

Temporary Train to Gain Administrator

18.5 hrs per week, salary starting from £14,535 pro rata per annum.
Temporary post up to 15 January 2009 to cover maternity leave
Post Ref: 07/83/KOS

Supply NVQ Assessors required in the following areas:
Various hours available, salary range £17,727 - £25,418 pro rata per annum

Early Years
Post Ref: NVQ/EY/KOS

Play work
Post Ref: NVQ/PW/KOS

Supply Recreation Assistant
Various hours available, salary starting from £14,535 pro rata per annum
Post Ref: S/RA/KOS

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- Knowledge of change management and project management
- Experience of IT networks and applications
- A high level of oral and written communication skills.

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For an application form and information pack please call
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Closing date for applications Wednesday 19th March 2008



Finance Manager

Starting salary £57,507, with progression through contribution related pay to £67,081 per annum
Sessions House, Maidstone

As an 'excellent' Local Authority, Kent has a dynamic and high profile Children, Families and Education Directorate. The Finance Unit is an innovative and fast moving function, with highly motivated staff, ambitious in their drive to improve services to schools and service managers.

An experienced and effective finance manager, you will work closely with the Director of Finance and Corporate Services to deliver financial excellence. Your outstanding technical skills will allow you to convey complex financial information to schools and Directorate budget managers. Your communication skills will allow you to work with Members, The Directorate Managing Director, Directors and other senior officers on a regular basis.

You will show strong leadership skills and the ability to motivate and manage excellence in others. You will also be committed, flexible and show a natural affinity for team working. **Ref: CFE/o8/0048.**

Closing date: midday, 7 March 2008.

Clerking Agency Manager

Starting salary £19,572 with progression through contribution related pay to £22,268 pro rata

Term Time only – hours are negotiable to the right candidate.

Office based in Maidstone, The ability to travel to all parts of the county will be required

It will be your responsibility to oversee our countywide clerking service – making sure that it runs as efficiently and effectively as possible ensuring we are meeting all the standards in our service level agreements. You will co-ordinate recruitment, manage staff deployment, promote the service and contribute to its development and growth.

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Closing date: midday, 10 March 2008.

The Alternative Curriculum Co-ordinator in Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley have the following vacancies to work part-time.

Personal Assistant to the Alternative Curriculum Co-ordinator

Starting salary £16,221 with progression through contribution related pay to £17,842 pro rata
18.5 hours per week

Joynes House, Gravesend

You will be supporting this management post within the Children's Services Clusters in the area. The co-ordinator is a KCC Manager responsible for placing 'hard to place' children in education provision.

You will ideally be able to provide evidence of the ability to work effectively in such a supporting role: this includes dealing with parents, other Children's Services agencies and schools but not directly with young people. **Ref: CFE/o8/0061**

Teaching Assistant

Starting salary £13,619 with progression through contribution related pay to £15,440 pro rata
20 Hours per week Term Time only
Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley

You will be supporting disengaged and disaffected KS4 students in the area.

You will have to provide evidence of effective working with disengaged KS4 students and have a proven commitment to curriculum innovation. **Ref: CFE/o8/0059**

The above two posts are subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau.

For an informal discussion about the above 2 posts, please contact Joanne Kendall on 01474 544582.

Closing date for the above two posts: midday, 6 March 2008.

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Due to the continued increase in our student numbers and the importance we place on the health and welfare of all our students, we are expanding our Student Support Services team. We therefore have the following job opportunity based at our Satellite Centre in Spring Lane, Canterbury:

Student Services Officer

£19,123 to £21,762 p.a. (pro rata)
Part-time, term time only

We are looking for a highly motivated and enthusiastic individual to provide an enriching programme of events and pastoral care to a range of students, aged 16+.

Duties will include organising and running social, sporting, enrichment and pastoral activities, recording student incidents and ensuring appropriate action is taken as required. The role will also involve assisting with the administration and coordination of student transport for activities in and around Canterbury but also at the main site in Hadlow.

Candidates must have excellent organisation, administration and communication skills, an understanding of student needs and previous experience of working with young adults or a similar client group is essential. A sport or youth work qualification would be useful, as would some knowledge of welfare systems.

This role is part-time working two days per week, or equivalent, term time only.

To receive an information pack and application form please telephone the Human Resources Department on 01732 850551 or e-mail 'jobs@hadlow.ac.uk'.

The closing date is Monday, 17th March 2008.

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Highway Engineer

£24,444 to £28,824

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Shepway District Council requires a highly motivated and enthusiastic Highway Engineer to join the Transportation team. You will be responsible for the effective management of the district's highway responsibilities and will be expected to prepare, advertise and implement traffic regulation orders in relation to parking across the district. You will also be responsible for the maintenance and replacement of streetlights. This is an exciting time to join as we are currently designing a parking scheme for Folkestone Central and you will have the opportunity to shape the development of this and many other new projects.

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For an informal discussion, please contact Frederick Miller, Transportation Manager on 01303 853207

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Closing Date: 10 March 2008
To apply/more information
Mr Tim Watson
Cliffe Woods Primary School
View Road, Cliffe Woods
Rochester
Kent ME3 8UJ
Telephone - (01634) 220822
Email headteacher@cliffewoods.medway.sch.uk

Cliffe Woods Primary School

KS 2
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and temporary
Term of contract: 2 terms
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing Date: 14 March 2008
To apply/more information
Mr Tim Watson
Cliffe Woods Primary School
View Road, Cliffe Woods
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Barnsole Junior School

Two KS2 Teachers
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and temporary
Term of contract: 1 year
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 7 March 2008
To apply/more information
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Barnsole Junior School
Barnsole Road
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Email office@barnsole-jun.medway.sch.uk

Stoke Community School

KS 2
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and temporary
Term of contract: 2 terms
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing Date: 20 March 2008

To apply/more information

Mrs Carolyn Cassettari
Stoke Community School
Lower Stoke, Rochester
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Email headteacher@stoke.medway.sch.uk

Twydall Infant School

Year 1
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and permanent
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing Date: 25 March 2008
To apply/more information
Mrs S Fedosiuk, Headteacher
Twydall Infant School
Twydall Lane
Gillingham
Kent ME8 6JS
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Email headteacher@twydallinf.medway.sch.uk

Headteacher

Maundene School
Job Ref: EDT 990
Full Time and Permanent
Salary: £20,126 - £55,782-£64,611
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 14 March 2008
To apply/more information
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HR (Schools), Civic Centre
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Elaine Primary (Chalklands Opportunity Centre)

SEN
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Elaine Primary School
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Fax - 01634 290191
Email headteacher@elaine.medway.sch.uk

Deputy Headteacher

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Salary: LS 10 - 14 £36556-£48138
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 14 March 2008
To apply/more information
Fairview Community Primary School
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Walderslade Primary School

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Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 20 March 2008
To apply/more information
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Telephone - (01634) 861660
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SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Teacher

Chatham Grammar School for Girls

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Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 7 March 2008
To apply/more information
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Rainham School For Girls

Mathematics Teachers
Full Time and Permanent
Salary: MPS/UPS
Required From: 1 September 2008
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Chatham Grammar School for Girls

Latin
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
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To apply/more information
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Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School

History
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 12 March

To apply/more information

Ms Jacqueline Harrison
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Maidstone Road
Rochester
Kent ME1 3EL
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Email harrison@sirjosephwilliamson.medway.sch.uk

Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School

German/Spanish
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 12 March
To apply/more information
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Chatham South School

English
Full Time and permanent
Salary: MPS/UPS
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 14 March
To apply/more information
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Full Time and permanent
Salary: MPS/UPS
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 13 March
To apply/more information
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Graduate Teacher Programme

Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School

Graduate Trainee - Science
Full Time and Fixed Term
Contract: 1 Year
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 10 March
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Head of Department

Greenacre School

Subject Leader in English
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR 1b (£9,981)
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 10 March 2008

To apply/more information

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Chatham South

ICT
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR c
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Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 14 March 2008
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Required From: 1 September 2008
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Rivermead, Forge Lane
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Email office@rivermead.medway.sch.uk

Abbey Court Community Special School

SEN
Salary: MPS/UPS + 2 SEN points
Full Time and temporary
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing Date: 14 March 2008
To apply/more information
Linda Taylor, Business Manager
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Mid-Kent College is one of the largest providers of Further Education in Kent with ambitious plans to build on its excellent reputation.

Currently, located at four sites in Maidstone, Chatham and Rochester we will open our new £82 million campus to students in September 2009.

We are looking for individuals who will encourage learning for life and enhance our existing teams in the following areas:

Lecturer in Health, Social & Childcare Programmes Lecturer Grade B: £25,092 - £28,719

The post-holder will be involved in the delivery and teaching of Health, Social & Childcare from foundation to level 3, Ed excel/CACHE programmes. The successful candidate will have proven knowledge and experience within either Health, Social Care or Childcare environments. The department will also consider applications for candidates who are interested in hourly paid or part-time teaching. Please note the closing date for this post is Friday, 10 March 2008.

Marketing & Communications Officer Support Grade F: £23,669 - £30,027

You'll be responsible for managing all the College's internal and external communications, including writing and editing the weekly staff newsletter, press releases, and maintaining the relevant areas of the College website. Additional duties will include writing copy for advertising campaigns in a variety of media and performing other marketing activities as required.

You should educated to HND/degree standard, with excellent verbal and written communication skills and have the ability to work flexibly - often under pressure to meet tight deadlines. Experience in a similar role would be an advantage. Ability to travel between sites is essential.

Assistant Accountants

In order to strengthen the central Finance team and support the College as it progresses through a period of radical change, we are aiming to make three appointments:

Post 1 - Circa £15,000 + training package

The successful candidate will work as part of the Credit Control team and will have ACCA/CIMA level 1 qualification or equivalent (e.g. AAT)

Post 2 - Circa £20,000 + training package

The post-holder will work with the Financial Management team and will be a part-qualified accountant.

Post 3 - Circa £25,000 + training package

Working with the Financial Management team you will have either recently qualified or be at the final stage of your qualification.

All applicants will need to be able to demonstrate recent and relevant knowledge and experience in finance and a good understanding of computerised systems. In return you will be expected to complete a full ACCA or CIMA accounting qualification within a specified timeframe.

Work Placement Co-ordinator (Term-Time) Support Grade C: £16,199 - £20,324 pro-rata

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic professional to place, monitor and assess students with learning difficulties and/or disabilities in their work placements. The candidate will be able to work with minimum guidance, prioritise work effectively and demonstrate excellent organisational skills. The successful candidate will have a previous experience in a childcare professional e.g. nursery education, health visiting or social services.

College Information Services Assistant (Fixed-Term to July 2009 15hrs per week) Support Grade A: £11,599 - £16,199 pro-rata

The post will provide assistance to the existing CIS team in auditing information systems. Ideally, the successful candidate will have 5 GCSEs at Grade A* - C or equivalent, including English and Mathematics. The department will also consider applications for candidates who are interested in term-time only working.

Technician in Hair Design (Part-Time 18.5 hours per week) Support Grade A: £11,599 - £16,199 pro-rata

We are looking to recruit a highly motivated individual to provide guidance and support to students and assist with the running of various classes. The successful candidate will have good organisational and communication skills and have relevant experience within Hair Design.

Technician in Wood Occupations Support Grade B: £15,057 - £18,534

As a member of Construction Crafts team you will undertake all support duties associated with craft workshops as directed by teaching or instructing staff. You will have experience working in a relevant occupation and be able to demonstrate good organisational skills.

Administration Assistant/DSA (Rochester & Maidstone) (Part-Time 18 hours per week) Support Grade A: £11,599 - £16,199

You will provide efficient and effective day-to-day administrative support and assistance to at least one department. You will have excellent administrative skills and experience using Microsoft Office applications. The successful applicant will be based at either our Rochester or Maidstone Campus therefore please state your preferred site on your application.

Sessional/Hourly Paid Facilitators Ref: HPS Basic Hourly Rate: £8.93 (£9.98 including holiday component)

Sessional Facilitators are required to work with individuals/groups of learners on curriculum support programmes devised by the curriculum staff and/or CAST Tutors. A clear empathy for learners with learning difficulties and disabilities and good communication skills are essential.

Apprentice in Administration Ref: P0594 (1 year Fixed-Term Contract) Grade A: based on percentage of £9,631

As a member of the Business Development Team you will provide administration support to College stakeholders. The successful candidate will develop competencies to meet NVQ Level 2 Standards of performance.

All posts are full-time (37 hours per week) unless otherwise stated. The benefits of joining Mid-Kent College include generous annual leave, final salary pension scheme, flexible working and on-site gym.

All posts are subject to an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.

Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please call the Personnel department on 01634 845402 (24 hour answer machine) or e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk quoting the appropriate job title and reference number.

Closing date: Friday, 21 March 2008

Mid-Kent College is committed to Equal Opportunities and encourages applications from all sections of the community and welcomes applications from under represented groups including black, minority ethnic and disabled people.



the University of Greenwich at Medway

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Ref: 00935/K3

Based in the University's Partnership Division you will undertake a range of secretarial and administrative duties to support the Partnership Division with a primary focus on the administration and development of Widening Participation activities and projects.

You will have a good level of secondary education, strong IT skills with a sound knowledge of Microsoft Access, Powerpoint and Word and the ability to work with a wide range of client groups, staff and students.

You will need experience of working to tight deadlines, be prepared to travel to other University campuses, work flexible hours at peak times and be able to work on your own initiative with a minimum of supervision.

Salary Scale: £18,702 - £21,682 per annum inclusive.

We aim to be an equal opportunities employer and welcome applications from all sections of the community.

Further particulars and application form can be obtained from the Personnel Department, University of Greenwich, Avery Hill Road, London, SE9 2UG Email: Jobs@gre.ac.uk quoting the job reference. Applications should be returned by 5:00 pm on 14 March 2008.



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Supply Lecturers are required in the following areas:
Various hours available, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

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Post Ref: SH/TWP/KOS

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Post Ref: S3/KOS

Supply NVQ Assessors/Internal Verifiers are required in the following areas:
Various hours available, salary range £17,727 - £25,416 pro rata per annum

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Post Ref: SH/Assessor/KOS

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The closing date for the above posts is Monday 17 March at 12 noon.

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This is an administrative/PR role which requires a high degree of accuracy and meticulousness as you will be responsible for providing a high quality management of all aspects of the prescription database. In addition you will provide an efficient and professional liaison service between the medical staff, keyworkers and pharmacists participating in the work of the Prescribing Service.

You will need to have good secretarial skills with experience of word processing using Word for Windows, good database experience and excellent communication skills. An ability to remain calm under pressure would be a great advantage.

If you would like more information about the post please call Mayur Derodra on 01622 690944.

Closing date: Friday 14th March 2008 at 5.00 pm
Interview date: Wednesday 2nd April 2008

**REF: 472 - ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT -
DAY PROGRAMMES - CANTERBURY**
**Salary: £16,217 - £18,430 (SCP 17 - 21) pro rata -
15 hours per week
(9.30 am - 1.30 pm Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri)**

As a key member of the Administration Team you will be required to provide efficient and high quality administrative support to the multi-disciplinary staff team and Service Manager at KCA Day Programmes in Canterbury.

You should have sound typing skills combined with a good knowledge in using computer applications, and have the ability to input data accurately. You will also be confident in communicating with a wide cross-section of staff, external contacts and service users alike. We are looking for someone who enjoys working within a busy, often demanding environment, has the ability to prioritise, and can work on their own to tight deadlines. Experience of developing and maintaining efficient office systems and supporting a Service Manager with multiple bases would be an advantage.

If you would like to discuss this post further, please contact Linda Ranger, (Service Manager Day Programmes) on 01227 781297 or Christine Gordon (Admin Lead) on 01795 590795.

Closing date: Friday 7th March 2008 at 5:00 pm
Interview date: Friday 14th March 2008

**For application forms please contact Dan House, 44 East Street,
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Ref: CFE/08/0056

**For an informal discussion please contact Caroline Pitt,
Workforce Development Manager on 01622 203800 or
email: caroline.pitt@kent.gov.uk**

Closing date: midday, 13 March 2008.

Interview date: 25 March 2008.

Sure Start Children's Centres are at the heart of the Government's strategy to give every child the very best start in life. Currently, there are 20 Sure Start Children's Centres across Kent, offering children under five and their families access to services and support that includes high-quality early education and day care, family support and health services, training and job information.

Building on this significant success, Kent County Council is committed to opening a further 52 centres between now and the end of 2008.

We are now looking for highly motivated people who can contribute to making a positive impact for children, families and their communities.

Children's Centre Manager

**Starting salary £29,190,
with progression through contribution related
pay to £34,507 per annum**

For this post, you will need to lead an integrated team to work in partnership with parents and carers and a range of partners and organisations across Kent to meet the specific needs of children under five and their families. With a degree, or equivalent qualification in health, social work, education, community work, childcare or a similar field, you must be able to lead a multi-agency service, demonstrating excellent interpersonal and communication skills. You will also have the National Professional Qualification in Integrated Centre Leadership or be willing to work towards this qualification.

Tonbridge Ref: CFE/08/0070

Interviews date: 22 April 2008.

Community Involvement Workers

**Starting salary £19,572, with progression
through contribution related pay to £22,268
per annum (pro rata for part-time)**

We are seeking to recruit Community Involvement Workers to work in Children's Centres across Tonbridge and Malling. You will work as part of multi-agency team, raising awareness in the community about the range of services on offer in the centres. For those families who do not use the Children's Centres, you will provide important information and access to services.

You will ensure that the views of children and their families and those of the wider community are sought and included in the development of services in the Children's Centres. You will need to have strong interpersonal skills with an enthusiastic, tactful and flexible approach. You will need to demonstrate a clear understanding of how to support the most vulnerable families to access services to improve the outcomes for children.

The role will include the co-ordination of the recruitment, training and management of volunteers to support the running of the Children's Centre. The Malling post could offer opportunities for part-time working.

Tonbridge Ref: CFE/08/0071

Malling Ref: CFE/08/0072

These posts are subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau.

**To find out more please contact Dion Darley on 01622 626761
or email: dion.darley@kent.gov.uk**

Closing date for both posts: midday, 18 March 2008.

Interview date for the Malling post: 24 April 2008.

Interview date for the Tonbridge post: 30 April 2008.

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Personnel opportunities in West Malling

Employee Services Team Manager

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Along with experience of managing within a personnel and/or payroll environment, you'll need strong evaluation skills and a talent for implementing change. You should also demonstrate a solutions-orientated attitude and a great eye for detail. **Ref: CED/08/0023**

Interview date: 19th March 2008.

Employee Services Team Assistant

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Chamber of commerce arranges dinner dates

KENT Invicta Chamber of Commerce is hosting a series of lunches and dinners for companies in the Maidstone, Ashford, Canterbury and west Kent areas.

Lunches will be held at Larkfield Priory in Maidstone on March 12, Broome Park in Barham on April 9, and East Malling Conference Centre on May 8. Networking evenings will take place at the Falstaff Hotel in Canterbury on March 19 and at Maidstone Museum on April 23.

Call 01233 503838 or email events@kentinvictachamber.co.uk for more details.

Corporate kart day will aid two Kent charities

BIZLINX will host a corporate charity event at Buckmore Park kart circuit on March 13.

To join in companies from Medway, Maidstone and Swale must put together a team of six racers, purchase a kart for £280 and pledge to raise a further £1,000 in sponsorship. The event aims to raise money for The Heart of Kent Hospice in Aylesford and Demelza House.

For more information call Lis on 01622 620850 or Julie on 01622 663232.

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Get the low-down on key health and safety issues impacting on business

Car benefit changes fuel firms to rethink



BUSINESSES in the county offering company car and fuel benefits to staff need to urgently evaluate their current policy before April, according to a leading firm of chartered accountants.

The Pre-Budget Report shake-up of employee car fuel benefit will take effect from April 6, which could see some people's company car tax bill rise by nearly a quarter.

But wise employees should ensure sensible management of their tax allowance and experts can advise the best way to maximise benefits.

To avoid the tax increases bosses need to look at only providing company cars for part of the year and giving staff a mileage allowance

■ BY JON COATES

for business travel instead of fuel benefits.

Richard Marshall, tax specialist at HW Chartered Accountants, said: "The car fuel benefit is set to increase considerably from April 6 this year and many workers will be clobbered with a hefty tax rise.

"With such large increases expected, employers need to sit down with staff now and determine whether they would be better off providing their own fuel and claiming a mileage allowance for business travel.

"In most circumstances, workers would be best off doing this as to make car fuel benefit financially efficient after April private mileage needs to be high – as much as 10,000 to 12,000

miles per year."

Car fuel benefit occurs when employers provide fuel cards, credit cards or vouchers to cover the total cost of private and business mileage.

And because each case is unique there is no blanket advice for everyone.

Mr Marshall added: "Working out car fuel benefit is complex and changes for individual employees due to differing levels of benefit.

"There are ways to help reduce an employee's car tax bill that we can advise on, such as only making a company car available for part of the year or only making fuel available for business travel."

For advice Richard Marshall can be contacted at HW chartered accountants, in Armstrong Road, Maidstone, on 01622 692255.



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Bulls making their charge at just the right time



STILL GOING STRONG: Aylesford Bulls still have a chance of making the play-offs

CLINICAL attacking rugby proved the key to success for Aylesford Bulls, as they secured their third consecutive victory, boosting their play-off hopes.

Bulls opened the scoring after two minutes with a try from Karl Hutching.

A driving maul forced Aylesford close to the Old Dunstonians line, before a pass found the prop forward who crashed over for a try.

Dave Dorton added the extras.

The Bulls extended their lead through Olly Cargill who scored what turned out to be the try of the game.

Dorton picked up the ball 70 yards away from the try line and

RUGBY

**Old Dunstonians 7
Aylesford Bulls 24**

used his pace to break through the defence. A short pass found Cargill who had the easiest of finishes. Once again Dorton successfully kicked the conversion.

Towards the end of the half Dunstonians scored a try of their own to get back into the game, cutting the deficit to seven points.

In the second half the Bulls suffered a setback as Dorton had to be replaced due to an injury. However,

they showed character and won a penalty to increase their lead with replacement kicker Pat Norton successfully converting.

Aylesford sealed victory with a try from Andy Hall following a long kick up field. Hall grabbed the ball and slid over under the posts. Norton added the extras.

The victory keeps the Bulls in third place in London South East 3, just ahead of Deal & Betseshanger.

This Saturday they face their toughest test of the season so far, with league leaders Gravesend visiting the Jack Williams Ground.

They will hope that Dorton regains fitness and maintains his rich vein of form.

Ladies eye third place after win

SUTTON Valence Ladies first XI have moved to within a point of third-placed Maidstone following a 3-1 victory against Dartford on Saturday.

The result has increased the side's chances of breaking into the top three in Kent Division 2.

This Saturday, they take on HSBC who are struggling in the bottom half of the table in ninth position. A win could see Valence move up to third.

The Ladies second XI also secured a victory with a 3-0 win against Blackheath. They are also a single point adrift of third place in division six.

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FA skills coaches developing a new style of training for county's young

Men's XI tough it out to win title

THERE were celebrations all round as Maidstone hockey men's sixth XI secured the Kent Division 5 title after winning a close match against Folkestone.

With four weeks to go before the rest of the club finish their seasons, they are the first of the club's 11 teams to secure promotion.

Their only loss this season was away at Folkestone, so Maidstone knew they would have a tough game.

Maidstone went ahead after 10 minutes, but it was not until well into the second half that they had the comfort of a two-goal lead and victory.

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HEADS UP: Maidstone United fell to a last-minute winner on Saturday against Margate which has increased fears of the club becoming embroiled in an end of season relegation battle

Defeat leaves Stones in dangerous position

A CRUEL last-minute winner from Margate's Steve McKimm broke Maidstone United hearts, as they fell to another defeat moving them closer to the relegation zone.

Once again Maidstone were asleep from the whistle and conceded after 65 seconds. The Stones defence failed to deal with a cross that fell kindly for James Pinnock who fired the ball past Pat Mullin in the Maidstone goal.

Maidstone picked themselves up and started to control the game. The scores were brought level on 25 minutes after a mistake by player/manager Robin Trott. Chris Smalling's long ball up field eluded Trott who slipped while trying to clear, allowing Jacob Erskine to lift the ball over the advancing Margate keeper Scott Chalmers-Stevens.

It was Margate who started the second half in the ascendancy and put the pressure on the Maidstone defence. Margate's Rob Haworth

FOOTBALL

■ BY TOM HOWARD

Maidstone United 1 Margate 2

broke away down the right hand side but he sent his shot narrowly wide.

On loan Gillingham striker Andy Pugh almost put the Stones in the lead just after the hour. However, his shot from the edge of the area cannoned back off the post.

With the game looking as though it was heading for a draw, McKimm sent a delicate chip over Mullin to secure the three points for Margate.

The result forced Maidstone into the relegation battle, and they are now only three points adrift of the drop zone.

On the positive side, defender Smalling who has been on trial with Middlesbrough hopes to be playing for the Stones on a more regular basis.

Smalling said: "I am bit gutted really losing in

the last minute of the match. We just switched off for one second and were punished. I am delighted with my return. I was due to go up this week but the travelling was affecting my schoolwork. I will only be going up in half-term holidays. I will get to play more games here for Maidstone and someone from Middlesbrough will come down to watch me."

Maidstone manager Alan Walker was bitterly disappointed with the defeat and believes that after his accident last June, he may never return to the sidelines.

Walker said: "Relegation is always a fear until we are safe and it is not mathematically possible for us to go down. For that to happen we will need to string another four or five wins this season."

Former Maidstone manager Clive Walker has rejoined the coaching staff on a temporary basis, while Lloyd Hume serves a touchline ban.

• **Maidstone United were back in league action last night against Wealdstone for the match report and more on Clive Walker's return see www.yourmaidstone.co.uk.**

Bright start ends with heavy defeat

RUGBY

BY YOURMAIDSTONE REPORTER

Beckenham 30 Maidstone 10

MAIDSTONE remain fourth in London Two South, but this was a match they will want to forget, particularly after their strong performances in the previous two weeks against Jersey and Wimbledon.

The visitors started well and after just three minutes fly-half Gary Whitehead superbly changed direction to cut through the middle for the easiest of tries.

He converted himself, but if this was a soft try for Maidstone, so was the one they conceded minutes later, when a simple pick-up and drive saw hooker Eddie Redding go over.

Beckenham nudged ahead minutes later with a penalty from Garry Thomson and a combination of careless handling and the pack's failure to get to the break down quickly enough didn't bode well.

Lateral running and poor handling meant Maidstone were unusually hesitant behind the scrum and their obsession with moving the ball back into the middle instead of widening the attack brought little advantage.

The errors from both sides reached epidemic proportions, but Beckenham were more decisive and a pick-up and drive by their pack saw prop James Cleverly go over, with Thomson converting.

Maidstone reduced the margin to 10-15 when Whitehead kicked a penalty just before the interval, but it became patently clear in the second half they had failed to exploit the wind advantage.

Four counts against the head also proved costly and seven minutes after the break Thomson kicked Beckenham further ahead.

Maidstone's pack began to tire and tries from Dipple and Benham condemned them to their heaviest defeat of the season.



REALITY CHECK: The wheels came off for Maidstone in spectacular fashion as they lost 30-10 away to Beckenham

Middle East tour's a great success

CRICKET

LASHINGS chairman David Folb says his side's tour to Abu Dhabi could be the start of a long association with the Middle East.

The Maidstone-based World XI completed a week-long trip to the United Arab Emirates on Friday and Folb believes the club will become regular visitors to the Gulf.

He said: "It's the richest place on earth. We've been staying in the Emirates Palace hotel which is probably the wealthiest hotel on the planet and the hospitality has been second to none."

"They want coaching clinics, they want our auction division and they want the team to come back twice a year."

Despite fielding a side that included Chris Cairns, Dinesh Mongia and Marvan Atapattu, Lashings actually lost the opening Twenty20 game of their Tour to the Abu Dhabi Chairman's XI with two balls to spare, though Folb claims this was no surprise.

"I wasn't in the least bit shocked," he admitted. "We'd played the UAE before in England and knew how good they were. The fact that the Sheikh came to visit us meant they were taking it very seriously and it was a great honour."



SHEIKH DOWN: The Lashings World XI, pictured with Sheikh Nahayan Mubarak Al Nahayan in Abu Dhabi

Lashings' attentions now switch to a 50-game tour of the UK this summer, starting with an away fixture at DSR Sports at Elland in Yorkshire on May 25.

"We've got to sit down and make sure this all goes smoothly and without too many glitches," Folb said. "I'm very excited by it all and the

tour has obviously helped the brand globally, though I often feel we're better known abroad than we are in England."

The first chance fans will get to see the World XI on home turf will be on June 20, when they play at Sutton Valence School against a school XI.

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PLAYER FOCUS



HIT MAN: Lynden Rowland has been a key player

Nomadic striker is happy with his lot

LYNDEN Rowland says he hopes to play out the rest of the career with Maidstone United, despite seeing his season ruined by injuries.

The striker sustained a knee injury after scoring in the Stones' 2-1 defeat at Tonbridge and is out until next season, but after playing for a host of clubs around Kent and the Midlands, he now hopes his nomadic days are behind him.

He said: "I have been at this club for five years now and I reckon I could end my career here. I love the fans and everything about the club."

Rowland initially joined United at Christmas 2003, when he was signed by the club's then manager Mal Watkins.

His impact was immediate. Although the team struggled around him, Rowland averaged nearly a goal a game in the Kent League. He briefly left the club when he sent managers Alan Walker and Lloyd Hume a text message on the morning of a game, telling them he'd had to move North for personal reasons.

Contribution

The duo were unimpressed, but when Rowland returned at the start of the 2005/2006 season, they quickly forgot their misgivings. He formed a lethal partnership with Mo Takaloo as the Stones won the Kent League and scored a number of crucial goals in their Ryman Division 1 South winning 2006/2007 campaign.

This year only bad luck has prevented him making more of a contribution.

He conceded: "I have struggled with injuries this year and have not played as much as I would have liked. I think I have got 10 in 15 starts and I can't argue with that."

Yet he remains hopeful that his team mates will fight their way away from the Ryman Premier Division drop zone, arguing: "There is not an awful lot of difference between the Kent league and the Ryman leagues. It is just a bigger step in the Ryman Premier. You do not get as much time on the ball and obviously better players make you up your game."

"We just need to put a run of results together and see where that takes us."

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Gillingham striker Leroy Griffiths talks about recent team bonding

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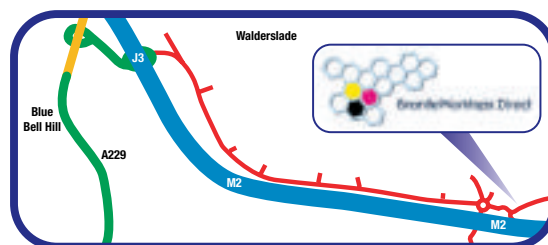
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See a more unusual side to this unique Georgian fortification, in Chatham, built more than 250 years ago. Its long military history has given it a prominent place in the local folklore. Talk to us about this and its military history, and possibly arrange a tour.
www.silentfootsteps.com

SOUTH QUAY TRAVEL & LEISURE

Stand 29

Established in the Group Travel market for nearly 20 years offering a personal and efficient service to Group Travel Organisers in the planning of their holidays, short breaks and cruising. Destinations include; UK, Southern Ireland, Europe and all worldwide locations. Call 0207 510 2929.
www.southquaytravel.com

SWALE TOURISM

STAND 33

Explore Sittingbourne, Faversham and the Isle of Sheppey and pick up the new 2008 visitor guide. Situated on the outstanding North Kent coast, Swale embraces Sittingbourne, Faversham, Isle of Sheppey and takes in the rolling North Kent Downs too. <http://tourism.swale.gov.uk>

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STAND 22

Our journeys, to some of the world's most exciting destinations, promise to be our most comfortable and rewarding yet with the addition of new and fascinating itineraries to our programme including our cruises from Dover. www.swanhellenic.com

THISTLE HOTELS

STAND 55

Our hotel is located next to famous Brands Hatch Circuit. We offer excellent rooms, professional meeting facilities and a 2 AA Rosette restaurant. While visiting us at the KTL Show we give a deeper view into modern service standards. Offers will be made for interested clients. Snacks and drinks will be provided. www.thistle.co.uk

THOMAS COOK

STAND 4

With a portfolio of market leading travel brands across Europe and North America, we are committed to providing the best quality products and services to our customers.
www.thomascookgroup.com

TRANS EUROPA FERRIES

STAND 71

Visit the TransEuropa Ferries stand at the Kent Travel and Leisure show and pick up one of our leaflets entitling you to a 10% discount from our standard fares. We are the only cross Channel passenger ferry service who sail to Belgium from Ramsgate and also offer group discounts and a loyalty scheme. www.transeuropaferrries.com

TRAVELUX

STAND 43

Travelux is a fiercely independent Travel Agent located in Tenterden. For 35 years Travelux has been providing quality travel arrangements & professional advice to discerning travellers. Experienced Travel Consultants & Cruise Specialists available to tailor make itineraries.
www.travelux.co.uk

VILLAGE HOTELS

STAND 15

Village Hotels & Leisure Clubs is one of the UK's fastest growing mid size hotel chains with 20 hotels by the end of 2008, 1,988 rooms, conveniently located across the UK all of which are situated within easy reach of major towns and cities.
www.village-hotels.co.uk

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Welcome to the beautiful District of Canterbury including Whitstable and Herne Bay. Canterbury's skyline dominated by it's stunning Cathedral and its abundance of history, culture and architecture. Whitstable, where time has miraculously stopped and preserved, a multitude of specialist food shops rarely seen elsewhere nowadays and Herne Bay's splendid seafront, its unspoilt beach and working fishing harbour. www.canterbury.co.uk

VISIT KENT

STAND 50

VisitKent is responsible for developing and promoting the £1.8 billion tourism industry in Kent. On 29th March VisitKent is running the second Big Day Out which is an opportunity for residents of Kent to explore the fantastic attractions and little gems that are on their doorstep. Over 15,000 tickets will be available for free online at www.visitkent.co.uk from the end of February.
www.visitkent.co.uk

VOYAGES OF DISCOVERY

STAND 22

A memorable combination of deserts, dunes and walled cities sees Discovery visit the Horn of Africa, the Red Sea and cruise on into the Mediterranean as she heads home to England.
www.voyagesofdiscovery.co.uk

WHITE CLIFFS COUNTRY

STAND 34

Welcome to White Cliffs Country – Dover, Deal and Sandwich Unique, Unrivalled and Unforgettable. Whether you want to tell the time maritime style at the Timeball Tower, go rock-pooling at St. Margaret's Bay or simply walk up on top of the cliffs and enjoy the sea air – White Cliffs Country has so much to do and see, you'll want to stay longer. T - 01304 205108 . tic@doveruk.com

LITTLE GEMS AREA

BENTLEY WILDFOWL & MOTOR MUSEUM

An extensive Wildfowl Collection, Motor Museum, House, Formal gardens, Woodland Activities, Playarea, Miniature Railway, craftworkshops and Tearooms. See web site for more detail or phone 01825 840573. www.bentley.org.uk

BMC TRAVEL CLINIC

BMC Travel Clinic can supply you with travel health advice, the shop has a selection of travel accessories e.g. medical kits, water purification, insect repellents, mosquito nets & travel adaptors. These are also available online. 01233 503666
www.bmcmedical.co.uk

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Providing dinky sailing, windsurfing, power-boating and keel-boating tuition. Experience the excitement of sea sailing in the safe environment of Dover Harbour. www.doverwatersports.com

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Enjoy the antics of friendly farm animals, meet magnificent shire horses, be enthralled by fantastic falconry displays. A wonderful day out for all the family. www.farming-world.com

HORIZON SEA SAFARIS

Horizon Sea Safaris is a family run wildlife boat trip company based in the picturesque Royal Harbour in Ramsgate. Our boat has been purpose built with both safety and comfort in mind.
www.horizonseasafaris.co.uk

KENTISH LADY

Kentish Lady River Cruises licensed bar – Washrooms – disabled access 1hr – 3hr Trips. Private Hire - For special occasions with DJ, buffet, decorations, champagne, licensed bar. Contact - 01622 753740. www.kentishlady.co.uk

KENT WILDLIFE TRUST

Founded 50 years ago you are never more than 10 miles from a Kent Wildlife nature reserve. The Trust provides FREE access to its five visitor centres. www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk

QUEX MUSEUM

Quex Museum contains world class collections of African and Asian natural history as well as one of the largest privately-owned collections of cannon and weaponry in the country.
www.quexmuseum.org

RIVER HILL HOUSE GARDENS

At the show visitors can expect to receive information about our gardens in the form of leaflets and photographs.
www.riverhillgardens.co.uk

SHELL GROTTTO

One of the world's most mysterious places, the Grotto is a series of underground passageways covered by 2000sqft of shell mosaic. Visit us at the Show to find out more and for special offers on entry. www.shellgrotto.co.uk

SHOREHAM AIRCRAFT MUSEUM

Opened in 1988 and housing hundreds of aviation relics excavated over many years from crashed Battle of Britain British and German aircraft
www.shoreham-aircraft-museum.co.uk

SOUTHEASTERN

In 2009 Southeastern will bring the UK's first truly high speed service to Kent, offering brand new powerful trains and much faster journey times to London and beyond.
www.southeasternrailway.co.uk

SUSSEX TOP ATTRACTIONS

We are a 55-strong group of Top Tourist Attractions in East and West Sussex, and our brochure gives details for all of them, plus an excellent Sussex road map. Collect at the Show. www.sussextopattractions.co.uk

TAKE ONE MEDIA

Displaying eye- catching informative literature in the most modern and best positioned display stands available. Come in and see us at the Travel & Leisure Show, to see how we can help promote your business/provide local relevant information.
www.takeonemedia.co.uk

THANET GREETERS

Thanet Greeters is a non-profit making organisation enabling visitors to the Isle of Thanet to meet with local residents who are both friendly and enthusiastic and who are happy to share the area they love. www.thanet-greeters.org.uk

TONBRIDGE CASTLE

"History comes alive for young and old at Tonbridge Castle" Interactive displays and life-size figures, special effects and dramatic lighting, a vivid recreation of the sights, sounds and excitement of 13th Century castle life!
www.tonbridgecastle.org

WALK AWHILE

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www.walkawhile.co.uk

WEALD & DOWNLAND OPEN AIR MUSEUM

Home to over 45 rescued historic buildings rebuilt in a beautiful 50 acre setting in the South Downs, bringing to life the homes, farms and workplaces of the south east over the past 500 years. Visit us at the Show to discover more, including details for group visits - discounts and guided tours available.
www.wealddown.co.uk

WILDLIFE HERITAGE FOUNDATION

A specialist conservation charity where we run a breeding centre of excellence and educate visitors to our sanctuary on the issues surrounding the protection and preservation of the species that we work with. www.whf.org.uk

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